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IDF acts to meet Syrian war threat; Air Force may be used



Empty shell casings litter the area round this long-range 175 mm. gun, which has been taking part in the daily exchanges of fire with the Syrians in the Golan Heights.

Dayan in positive Pentagon meeting

By IRA SILVERMAN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan yesterday brought Israel's military aid requests to American Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger, in what aides described as a "productive" meeting.

Dayan went to the Pentagon with a comprehensive list of material requirements, ranging from tanks and armored personnel carriers to laser-guided bombs and anti-aircraft missiles. Before going, he told a national television audience on the NBC news show "Today" that his requests would also include additional sophisticated fighter aircraft.

Neither Dayan nor American officials would reveal how much of the requested aid package was seen to be agreeable to the Pentagon. Israel sources have repeatedly expressed confidence that the Nixon Administration would continue replenishing Israel's arsenal at a satisfactory rate.

Top Administration officials, according to those sources, have assured them of American interest in providing enough arms assistance to keep Israel militarily confident in order to be diplomatically flexible. It is for that reason that American officials have been predicting a decision by the Administration to provide, in grant form, the full \$1,500m. in emergency aid which Congress declared could be given outright to Israel for payment of weapons supplied since the October War. Congress authorized \$2,500m. in total aid, but set a \$1,500m. limit on the amount which could be given in grants rather than loans, leaving it up to the Administration to decide the mix.

Congress also said the remaining \$700m. could be extended in military sales credits, but only if the President found such aid to be in the American national interest.

It is now expected that all or most of the \$1,500m. will be given in grants, and the remaining \$700m. in loans will be approved by the Administration. Final resolution of the issue should be reached during the visit here next week of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

Dayan had not been expected to enter into discussion of the financing of the arms he is seeking.

In addition to presenting the arms requests to Schlesinger, he has been explaining the volatile ground situation on the Israel-Syria border. In making his case for continued American military and diplomatic support, Dayan was also due to discuss the sharp escalation of border fighting in his closed meeting with members of the Senate Armed Service Committee later yesterday before flying home.

Syrians seize 2 U.N. men

DAMASCUS. — Syrian troops involved in action behind Israeli lines on Sunday night picked up two U.N. Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) officers because they mistook them for Israeli soldiers, government sources said yesterday.

The officers, an American and an Iranian, were yesterday visited by Defense Minister Lt.-Gen. Mustafa Tlas in a Damascus hospital, the sources said. The officers, the sources said, were in good health and high spirits.

Government officials said a Syrian patrol "operating behind enemy lines last night found the two men near one of the enemy positions, and mistook them for enemy soldiers because of bad weather conditions and because the two were not wearing the customary UN uniform."

In their conversations yesterday with Defense Minister Tlas, the sources said, the officers said Syrian soldiers treated them very well after confirming their identities.

The U.N. spokesman in New York yesterday said the two officers were captured on Sunday night, and gave their names as Captain J.J. Holly, of the U.S. Army, and J.A. Mortell of the Irish Army.

The Post Military Correspondent reports that the incident took place early Sunday morning.

The U.N. spokesman said the two officers were manning patrol post 44 on the Israeli side of the ceasefire line when they were "picked up" by a Syrian patrol on Sunday night.

His information was based on a preliminary report from truce supervision headquarters in Jerusalem. He was unable to confirm an Israel report that the U.N. observers were laid away barefoot. He said they were in hospital "for rest."

(UPI, Reuters)

Syrian leader says it's 'natural' for fighting to be stepped up

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Syria's Deputy Premier yesterday hinted at the possible collapse of the five-month-old ceasefire with Israel. Deputy Prime Minister Mohammed Heydar explained that as far as Syria is concerned, "the fighting is only natural, under the circumstances."

In an interview with Beirut's weekly magazine "Monday Morning," Heydar said that Syria had accepted the truce following last October's war on the understanding that it included implementation of a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for an Israel pullback from "occupied Arab territory and guarantees for the rights of the Palestinian people."

"So far, this resolution has not been implemented, at least not on the Syrian front," Heydar said. "Indeed," he went on, "the enemy is trying to take advantage of the ceasefire by increasing its fortifications and strengthening its positions on the front lines."

"Given all this, it is only natural that there should be fighting. It is only natural, in fact, for the fighting to be stepped up, for our people will never give up their rights, regardless of the consequences, or the sacrifices they may make in the defence of their rights," he said.

Asked about U.S. Secretary of

By HIRSH GOODMAN, Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Israel units have been placed on maximum alert and forces in the area reinforced in view of information received that the Syrians are planning a major offensive, and a particularly bellicose statement by their Deputy Prime Minister (see col. 4).

Against a backdrop of daily artillery clashes, the Syrians have taken several steps which clearly indicate hostile intent.

Particularly worrying is the fact that they have bolstered their forces on the front lines.

The Syrian moves could have perhaps been made in expectation of a more vigorous Israeli reaction to the personal shelling which are now entering their fourth week, and which have thus far caused the death of five Israeli soldiers.

The Israel Defence Forces' action thus far has been limited to shelling by heavy artillery in retaliation for the Syrian attacks, which have included operation by tanks, artillery and Katyusha rockets.

Israel's policy in the area up to now has been to try and prevent tension from escalating in the hope that disengagement talks could get underway. Response was based on hitting Syrian batteries and military concentrations, in the hope that their decision to open a full-scale war of attrition would be tempered by the knowledge that they would be severely mauled if they did.

The Syrians, however, seem prepared to pay the price, and yesterday again the Bulge and the southern section of the pre-October ceasefire lines were the scenes of artillery clashes from 9.30 to the late afternoon. The Syrians spread their fire along the entire front, first aiming for positions near the Rafid junction and Tel Farris, west of the "purple line," and then moving their fire northwards, through the southern, central and northern sectors of the Bulge.

Several shells were also fired at two Israeli settlements on the Golan — at Ramat Hanagshimim and Nob — where electricity and water networks were damaged. But there were no casualties. A Sager anti-tank missile was fired at Tel Farris, but missed its target and exploded harmlessly. The Hermon range also came under Syrian bombardment for the fourth successive day.

Semi-official commentator Aluf (Res.) Haim Herzog, a former Intelligence Chief, remarked last night that Israel's policy does not "seem to be having an effect" and intimated that it may become necessary to take "more drastic action."

Thus far the Israel Air Force has been pointedly kept out of the conflict, though Israel and Syrian planes came dangerously close to a clash last Thursday, when four Syrian Mig-17s headed towards the Hermon, but broke away a few minutes flying time from the highly sensitive position.

Use of the Air Force to deliver high explosive bombs either in the area under fire at present, or at strategic targets deeper inside Syria, would most probably lead the Syrians to reply with Frog missiles, containing a 500 kilogram warhead, or even Scud missiles which are thought to be in that country and which can carry twice that amount over a distance of 350 kilometres.

A hint that Israel was considering this possibility came yesterday afternoon when civil defence heads, in an interview on Israel Radio, warned the public to keep their shelters clean, and to make sure that shelters are in working order, with ample supplies.

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Hazani resigns from Gov't

By ARI RATH
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

Social Welfare Minister Michael Hazani yesterday submitted his resignation to Prime Minister Golda Meir, bringing to a peak the dissension within the National Religious Party, the second largest coalition partner.

Hazani, 57, who has been in the government since 1973, appealed at the same time to Mrs. Meir to help the NRP resolve its internal predicament by setting with speed the issue of a new election. He said in a manner acceptable to the Chief Rabbi's spokesman, to Orthodox Jewry. He pledged his support of the Government, but said he was resigning because of his disagreement with the Government's policy on the issue of the Golan Heights.

Hazani's surprise move came only a few hours after the NRP central committee, once more approved a resolution to support the Government's policy on the Golan Heights, despite the Chief Rabbi's opposition.

It put an end to a series of contradictory statements by Hazani himself during the past few days, in which he both protested and demanded his resignation from the Cabinet. The resignation takes effect after 48 hours, if it is not withdrawn before.

Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rabin last night told The Jerusalem Post that, although he regretted Hazani's move very much, he believed that the party would be able to rally and close ranks. His remarks were made in a meeting of the Cabinet, which was held in the presence of former Knesset member Shimon Peres, who was also present.

More than 100 members of the NRP leadership, another possible candidate mentioned was former Knesset member Shimon Peres.

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Wrong to have asked chief rabbis, worse to have disobeyed them

Three-page letter, explaining the personal reasons for his resignation.

Recalling the NRP's earlier hesitations before joining the Cabinet because of the unsatisfactory solution for the registration of converts, Hazani told Mrs. Meir that the deteriorating situation on the Syrian front, Cabinet session on March 9, after which both Moshe Dayan and Shimon Peres announced their readiness to stay in the new Government, had caused him personally and the NRP to change their position.

Although he thinks that now that the new Government has been formed, and NRP membership of it approved anew by the party's central committee, the Cabinet should be allowed to carry out its duties effectively, he personally could not take part.

The reasons for his decision are what he terms his "two grave misgivings." These are his agreement to seek the Chief Rabbi's opinion on what is basically a tactical and political matter, and, worse than this, disobeying the rabbi's ruling.

There is no doubt that joining the coalition against the Chief Rabbi's advice seriously undermined, he personally could not take part.

2 Germans jailed for arming Arab terror groups

BONN (JTA). — A Munich court yesterday sentenced writer Willy Pohl, 39, and Wolfgang Abramowski, 30, to 26 and eight months jail respectively for supplying arms to Arab terror organizations.

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Referendum sought on Judea/Samaria

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

And today to submit to the Knesset a bill calling for a referendum at the end of June on the future of Judea and Samaria. This was decided last night by the Likud parliamentary faction.

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TURKS REPORT: Kurds rout Iraqi brigade

ANKARA (Reuters). — Kurdish rebels have inflicted a heavy defeat on a 3,000-strong Iraqi Government force trying to reach two beleaguered garrisons in Northern Iraq, a Turkish news agency reported yesterday.

The Iraqi brigade was routed when it entered a deep mountain gorge, known as Alibey Pass, about 16 kilometres south-west of Ruwaidi, said the independent agency, Haber. It reported that, according to information reaching the Turkish frontier, the Iraqi troops set out from Arbil to relieve garrisons near Ruwaidi and Zebar.

It said these garrisons were now encircled by Kurds and their plight was desperate.

Haber also reported that light fighting appeared to be continuing around Kirkuk and the strategic Alibey Pass which it said, the Kurds had controlled since March 11.

The agency report appeared to corroborate Kurdish guerrilla claims broadcast on their own radio — the Voice of Kurdistan — on Sunday night.

The radio, monitored by Haber, said hundreds of Government troops were killed and 230 surrendered in an ambush in the region of Alibey Pass. It also said three Iraqi planes had been shot down. No mention was made of any Kurdish casualties.

The guerrillas, led by 78-year-old Mullah Mustafa Barzani, are campaigning for self-rule in mountainous northern Iraq. They demand Kurdish administration of the oil-rich Kirkuk region. The Baghdad Government gave the estimated 1,500,000 Kurds a 15-day ultimatum to accept autonomy proposals. The deadline expired on March 26 with no sign of an agreement.

Haber reported yesterday that General Barzani could now muster forces totalling about 50,000. As Government units near Kirkuk and Mosul moved north General Barzani called up 17-year-old youths to join his Peah Merga militia, the agency said.

Turkish officials near the border said yesterday that they had no information from the region where fighting was reported to have taken place, but they cautioned that news from Iraqi Kurdistan "tends to be exaggerated."

Long-distance lorry drivers were allowed into Turkey through areas of Northern Iraq seized by the Peah Merga earlier this month. The drivers said they saw no indication of fighting, but further south, in Government-controlled Iraq, armoured cars were posted at every bridge. Troops were searching the ravines beneath, apparently for explosives which may have been placed by Kurdish saboteurs, the drivers told the frontier guards.

U.N. man to study Iran-Iraq dispute

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Special U.N. envoy Luis Weckmann Munoz, of Mexico, is due in Baghdad tomorrow to start an investigation of the Iran-Iraq border dispute ordered by the Security Council. He will later visit Iran.

He is due to report by May 28 on the causes of the fighting that has flared several times since late January.

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Ethiopian police in mutiny

ADDIS ABABA (Reuters). — Shooting broke out in the mountain town of Goba last night as police rebelled against their officers, according to reports reaching here.

First reports said that police locked up their officers after some fierce fighting in the town, provincial capital of Bale province, about 300 kilometres south-east of Addis Ababa.

The report said the police had taken over the police headquarters and the town's treasury and municipal offices.

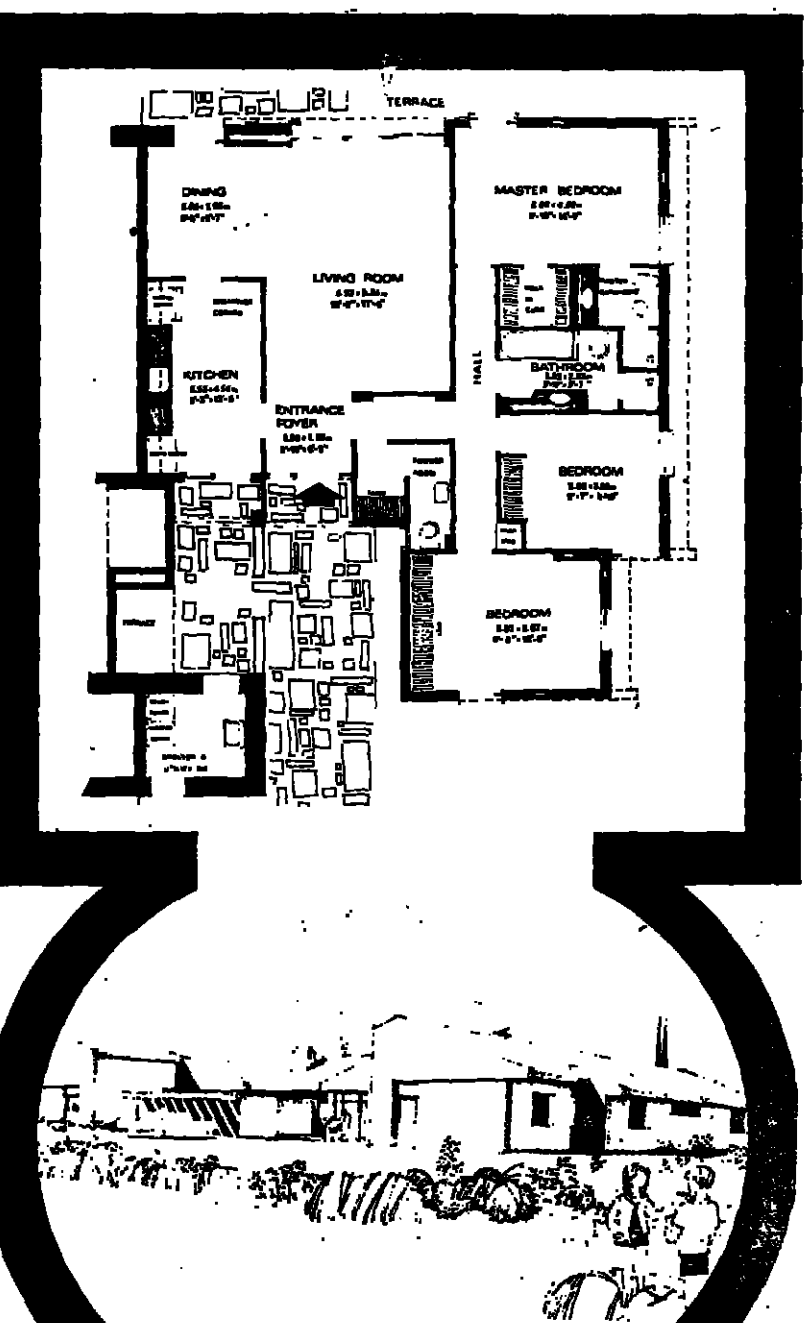
The police at Goba are believed to be demanding the removal of senior officers, better pay and improved working conditions.

Earlier in the day, riot police dispersed students who marched on the offices of Prime Minister Endalkachew Makonnen in the Capital, shouting slogans for his removal. (Earlier report, Page 4)

N-bombers seen for Diego Garcia

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The U.S. Air Force is considering placing nuclear-capable F-111 bombers on the proposed Diego Garcia base in the Indian Ocean, an Air Force general disclosed yesterday.

The swing-wing planes can carry atomic weapons and are the most up-to-date tactical bombers the Air Force has in service.



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Forecast: Breezy, warm and dry. Weather: A warm low over Western Egypt is moving eastward.

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Ein Ghal	39	10-20	15-25
Ein Zivan	40	10-20	15-25

Social and Personal

The Norwegian ambassador, Petter Graver, yesterday called on Labour Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The new Brazilian ambassador, Miguel do Rio-Branco, yesterday called on Haifa Mayor Yosef Almog and Haifa District Commissioner Naftali Elati.

The new Consul-General of Spain in Jerusalem, Santiago de Churruarri Plaza, Comte de Campo Rey, yesterday called on Mayor Teddy Kolek. The British ambassador, W.J.B. Ledwidge, yesterday called on Minister Without Portfolio Gideon Hausner.

The Henny and Hirsch Hillman Fund, which will support research, teaching and training in microbiology at the Hebrew University, was dedicated yesterday, at a ceremony at the University. A dinner marking the establishment of the fund was attended by Mrs. Henny Hillman, of South Africa, Prof. and Mrs. Peter Hillman, of Jerusalem, Mayor Teddy Kolek, and University representatives headed by Rector Prof. Abraham Harman.

The Scheinfeld Centre for Human Genetics in the Social Sciences was dedicated yesterday in the Belgium House Faculty Club on the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus. Attending the ceremony were Mrs. Aaron Scheinfeld, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Amram Scheinfeld, of New York; and Hebrew University representatives headed by Rector Prof. Michael Rabin.

An exhibition of maps of Acre, past and future, will be opened at the Dany Sharon Institute of Urbanology, at 92 Sderot Hanassi, on Mt. Carmel, Haifa, at 5 this afternoon. Engineer Bernhard Dichter and architect Boaz Barkai will speak on the town's history and future plans.

DEPARTURES

Alan Reo, administrator of the Bahaya Aliya Organization, for the U.S. and Canada, to supervise the setting up of offices in North America.

Sabbath work in ports rare

Transport Minister Aharon Yariv yesterday told the Knesset that unloading in the ports on the Sabbath only took place five times in the last two years. Replying to a motion to the agenda, Mr. Yariv said that this work was only done for security considerations. He said further that the average salary for a port worker in January 1974, when the port was working on Saturdays, was IL2,306. The Transport Minister was referring to reports that some port workers earned over IL2,000 for working a single Saturday.

Hazani and the NRP

(Continued from Page 1) mined his position, he held. He could not ignore the stormy waves of bitterness, unrest and sincere opposition within his party. This was not merely obstructionist, but, he said, based on broad circles of faithful veteran and young party members, Tora scholars and pioneering settlers. The NRP, whose fate was no less important to the State and to the Labour movement than to the party itself, he said, was threatened with a split and everything should be done to heal the rift. Mrs. Meir could help that by ruling with speed on the "Who's a Jew" issue in a way acceptable to the Chief Rabbinate and to orthodox Jewry, Hazani wrote.

Mark Segal adds: Hazani's resignation from the Cabinet plunges his party into a renewed crisis. Although he told Mrs. Meir that he would continue to support her government in the Cabinet, his departure from the Cabinet has increased to four the number of NRP MKs who oppose taking part in the coalition. Only six of the 10-member faction back the two remaining Ministers — Yosef Burg, Interior, and Yitzhak Rabin, Religious Affairs. Hazani has thereby cut short their rejoicing over the 3:2 endorsement they won at Sunday's NRP Central Committee for rejoining in the coalition. The fact that he left on grounds of conscience, such as he said, for the NRP as its relationship with the Chief Rabbinate, should win back for him all the support he lost by his vacillations of the past week. He is being welcomed with open arms by the three NRP oppo-

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RADIO, TV REVIEW CIVIL AIR DEFENCE

The radio last night broadcast the first of a four-part daily review of civil air raid precautions, and television also devoted part of its evening newscast to civil air defence.

The programmes were prepared before the Army Spokesman announced that Israeli forces on the Syrian front had been placed on a higher state of alert and troops there reinforced. Asked to comment on the media reports, an army spokesman said: "It's always good for the civilian public to be aware of potential dangers, especially in view of the presence of missiles in Arab arsenals."

A study by the Israel Institute for Applied Social Research, quoted on last night's radio news magazine, indicated that the citizenry knows little about civil defence, even though another war would probably hit civilian centres. Those who knew least about civil defence were older people, women, children, lower income groups and new immigrants. These are precisely the people who are left at home in time of war, it was pointed out.

The situation is the more serious as both Syria and Egypt are in possession of Soviet Scud mis-

siles. These missiles can travel up to 5,000 kilometres an hour and have a range of up to 300 kilometres.

In fact, it was said, every home in Israel is vulnerable to Scud attack. While the experts interviewed on the programme stressed that attacks on civilian centres would not win a war, they could spread terror. They noted Egyptian President Sadat's remarks last month that during the war he could, had he wished, have given the order to attack Israel's three major cities with long range rockets.

The research institute's study of public civil defence ignorance was conducted during the first week of the Yom Kippur War. A similar study took place during the Six Day War. While 56 per cent of those asked in 1967 said they knew what to do in an emergency, this time only 38 per cent did. Although 41 per cent of those interviewed said someone from Haganah has visited them or their neighbours in 1967, the civil defence branch had visited only 21 per cent this year.

The study stressed that among the lower income groups the percentage who said they knew what to do in an emergency was even lower.

Highest accident damages ever awarded: IL 1m.

BEERSHEBA. — The highest sum ever awarded a vehicle accident victim in Israel was awarded yesterday by the Beersheba District Court to a 29-year-old metalworker who was left paralysed in all four limbs. The settlement was IL1,050,000 plus a IL350,000 grant from National Insurance.

The victim, Nissim Shabat of Ofakim, was going to work in August 1971 in a pick-up truck owned by the Laromone Hotel in Eilat and driven by another person, when it crashed into another truck. After protracted deliberations, the court found the driver of the truck responsible for the accident.

The settlement was a compromise. Shabat originally sued for IL1.5m.

Bright economic future seen for Gaza Strip

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GAZA. — Prospects seem bright for increased economic activity in the Gaza Strip.

By the end of May, the whole area will be linked to the Israel Electric Corporation grid, providing current for every village and camp in the Strip. The education budget will more than double this year from IL13m. to IL28m. Two elementary schools under construction in Khan Yunis and the other in Gaza will reduce the number of pupils per class from 60 to 40.

For the first time, 61 girl high school graduates have signed up for a three-year nursing course. The Minister of Health sees this as a considerable achievement because until now parents objected that the profession was "undignified."

There still is superstition against donating blood, and professional donors charge IL500 a pint.

Bill on reservists' debts to committee

The Knesset yesterday passed on its first reading a bill extending to the wife of a reservist and to the guarantors of a reservist's loans the additional time granted the reservist himself for debt repayment.

FORTY DRAWINGS and engravings of the artist Ephraim Lili-En will be exhibited at the Israel Museum at a show opening tomorrow, to mark the 100th centenary of his birth.

Kin of missing: Cancel Independence Day joy

By SARAH HONIG

TEL AVIV. — Relatives of men missing in action say they will demonstrate at centres of festivity here on Independence Day if there are any held. They are demanding that all merry-making be called off this year.

The demands were made at a meeting they held last week with Deputy Mayor Yitzhak Artzi, who as head of the City's Youth, Culture and Sports Committee is responsible for planning the public celebrations here.

The relatives who approached Mr. Artzi said they represented the Committee of Relatives of Men Missing in Action. They argued that rather than enjoy festivities, Tel Avivians ought to show solidarity with the families of the missing men and mark the day in a sombre mood.

They warned that unless their demands were met, the families would appear at the various centres of festivities planned and demonstrate there in order to prevent the continuation of the celebrations.

Mr. Artzi told *The Post* yesterday that he is in full sympathy with the families but he said it would not be "right on their part to force those who wish to celebrate not to do so. The soldiers who went to the front did so so that we can live and that life would go on. Nothing would make the enemy's heart gladder than to see us abandon our national holiday and sit in mourning."

The day marking the establishment of the Jewish State is something to rejoice over, he stressed. There was also the problem of public morale. "Calling off the festivities would lead to a depressed mood, as it would be the first time in the history of the State on which the day had not been marked with celebrations."

Mr. Artzi said the City had not intended to provide exactly the same sort of entertainment as in years past. The celebrations would in any case remain modest. A public opinion survey done for the City had shown that "despite the war, the public wants colourful street illumination, fireworks and something for the youngsters, such as outdoor dancing. That is precisely what we plan on doing," the Deputy Mayor said.

Nevertheless, Mr. Artzi who has decided to convene on Wednesday the ad hoc public committee on

Independence Day programmes, says the whole problem is no way a uniquely local one, and that there is no reason why this city alone should be forced to cope with it. Mayor Shlomo Lahat is expected to appeal to Information Minister Shimon Peres for guidelines on how to deal with it.

The Municipality feels there is no reason why a decision cannot be reached which will also be binding on such cities as Jerusalem and Haifa.

Histadrut agrees Zim can sell one coaster

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER

HAIFA. — Zim has decided to accept the Histadrut's ruling that it should sell only one of its two money-losing coasters, Esther and Leah.

The two ships, which according to Zim lost \$150,000 last year, have been laid up in European ports for over a month at a loss to Zim of \$2,000 a day. The sale was delayed pending the Histadrut ruling.

When the company announced its intention to sell the ships, the Seamen's Unions, immediately objected and ordered their men not to leave the ships. The Histadrut agreed to rule on the matter.

Though the Zim board at the time resolved that it had the exclusive right to decide on the sale and purchase of ships, the company was forced to back down.

200,000 visited stamp show

By JUDY SIEGEL

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER

Nearly 200,000 stamp lovers have trekked through Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'Ooma since last Monday to view the International Philatelic Exhibition that closes today at 3 p.m.

The highlight of the event, long-awaited by the 500 exhibitors, was the candle-lit award banquet at the Knesset Sunday night. Dr. Hans Sladowsky of West Germany was given the coveted National Grand Award for his comprehensive collection of postal history of Palestine and Israel. President Katzir made the presentation.

A silver trophy representing the International Grand Award was presented to South African Louis Abrams for his specialized collection of German South West African stamps. Americans, Germans, Israelis, and an Italian and Belgian took home large gold medals. Scores of regular gold, bronze, silver and vermeil medals were also distributed for outstanding exhibits.

Israel had to buy oil at \$17 a barrel

TEL AVIV. — Israel bought two million tons of oil at \$17 a barrel last December because she could not get it cheaper anywhere, Emmanuel Racine, Director-General of Delek, revealed yesterday. He was speaking at a study day on the energy crisis arranged by the Shiloah Institute and the Graduate School of Administration at Tel Aviv University.

Mr. Racine urged the authorities to promote oil prospecting, claiming the IL130m. earmarked for it was "utterly inadequate."

Israel, which uses 0.2 of one per cent of world oil consumption, was unable to get oil from the major marketing companies, he said, and accused them of being party to "the artificial shortage" created last year.

In Israel, Mr. Racine said, consumption was rapidly returning to 1973 figures, in spite of higher prices. While consumption dropped by 15 to 18 per cent in the wake of the war, it was only seven or eight per cent below normal in March.

Israel's bill for oil is expected to jump to \$700m. this year, as compared with \$200m. in 1973, though consumption was not expected to rise above the 6.4 million tons of last year. This constituted six per cent of the national income, and twenty per cent of trade imports, he said.

Anthony Harris, chief economic commentator of the "Financial Times" of London, prescribed the free sale of gold to cope with the threat to financial stability of the world through the flow of money to oil producing countries. Because gold was owned practically everywhere by national banks, proceeds of the sales could be blocked in order not to cause inflation.

"But the worst that could happen

is that oil producers invest in other monopolistic raw materials," Mr. Harris said.

Various aspects of the energy crisis and its implications for Israel will be the subject of two symposiums to be held at the Technion this month. On April 11, the Chemical Engineering Society will devote its tenth annual conference to the effects of the crisis and the steep crude oil price rises on chemical industries. On April 15, the Nuclear Sciences Society will hold a day long conference on the implications of nuclear power stations on the economy.

Future of election reform bill in doubt

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER

Despite a Knesset majority on paper for the Ya'acobi "framework" bill on introducing constitutional elections, it was still not certain yesterday whether the bill would come up in the House as scheduled on Wednesday, or whether it would get the required 61 votes if it did.

Half-hearted support from the Ahdut Ha'avoda wing in Labour allied to strong opposition from the smaller coalition parties — Mapam, the National Religious Party, and the Independent Liberals — and from Mr. Begin's Herut, might postpone acceptance of the bill.

The private members' bill, sponsored by a group including Gad Ya'acobi (of Labour's Rafi wing), provides only a framework for future legislation. It stipulates that "a majority of Knesset Members will be elected in districts by a proportional system, and a minority by a national list."

Coalition whip Moshe Baran told the executive of Labour's parliamentary faction yesterday that the bill should have 70 votes: 44 Labour (three Members will be abroad); 22 Likud (13 Liberals, four State List, four Free Centre, and Abraham Yoffe); and the three of Shulamit Yona's Citizens Rights faction.

Baran told *The Post* later, after a meeting of the coalition executive,

Search launched for missing editor's body

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER

Police apparently believe the missing East Jerusalem editor and publisher, Yusef Nasr Nasr, is dead.

Search teams have been sent out to scour the Hebron and Jericho areas. This could only mean that they are looking for the body.

Nasr, publisher and editor of the Arabic weekly "Al-Fajr," disappeared two months ago.

The search was ordered following the arrest of three more suspects in connection with his disappearance. Three other suspects have been held in custody for some time.

Yadlin urges Labour to absorb protesters

JERUSALEM POST POLITICAL REPORTER

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yariv yesterday urged his party organizers to open up the branches to ex-soldiers and others who seek to get politically involved.

"Addressing a meeting at the party branch's headquarters at the Yehuda Club here, Mr. Yariv wanted the party to provide 'a constructive outlet within the Labour movement' to the current wave of post-war protest groups. 'We have not yet grasped the measure of confusion, depression, grief and unrest sweeping the public,' he said.

He wanted Labour to refrain from condemning the protest groups but rather to seek to include them within its ranks.

Mr. Yariv spoke of holding internal party elections within the

coming year and doing away with the divisions still preserved by the three pre-merger parties. He would suffice with much less than the number of 280,000 members formally registered on the party's rolls, as long as they were active.

"Life warned his audience, 'that we won't be able to campaign in the next elections on a slogan of 'there's no alternative.' The party has to renew its ranks, and he hoped electoral reform would encourage new men to enter politics."

When he discussed the role of party ideological circles, Mr. Yariv said they could be a positive factor as long as they do not hold compulsory meetings. This was seen as a critical reference to the closed meeting of the Etgar circle together with Ministers Rabin, Yariv, Bar-Lev and Hillel at the office of Koor General Manager Meir Amit.

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U.K. threatens to quit Mart if terms are not renegotiated

LUXEMBOURG (UPI). — Britain yesterday formally demanded revision of many of the terms on which it entered the European Common Market and threatened to quit the bloc unless it gets them.

Foreign Secretary James Callaghan told a meeting of the foreign ministers of the nine EEC nations in a blunt speech that until this renegotiation is finished and the British people can vote on the new terms in a referendum, "we shall stop further processes of integration."

Initial reaction was negative and just as tough — especially from France.

"We have already agreed to pay

a proper price to get them (the British) in," said French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert. "We see no need to pay a supplementary price to keep them in."

But Callaghan warned that if the results of the renegotiation are "unacceptable," the government will ask the voters to decide in a referendum "on the advisability of negotiating the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the community."

Callaghan's Labour Party opposed the entry terms negotiated by the then Conservative Party government and voted against membership before Britain joined last year. It came to power in the recent election on a pledge to negotiate those terms and

Callaghan's speech yesterday was the long-awaited statement of what Labour wants.

The minister said Britain wants important changes in the Common Market farm policy to bring food prices down. In the budget system to lower British contributions, in decision-making methods to keep the power of the British Parliament, and in plans for monetary union to prevent it from causing unemployment.

He said he was "concerned" about disputes between the U.S. and the Common Market and said this could "adversely influence" British attitudes unless new harmony is achieved.

Current Common Market goals for both "European Union" and economic and monetary union by 1990 are "unrealistic" and "dangerously over-ambitious," he said.

Callaghan admitted that his proposals were only an outline and said he would return later with more details. But he warned that Britain might seek amendment of the Treaty of Rome, the Common Market's constitution. Jobert flatly opposed this as did spokesmen for several other nations, and it appeared that the success of the British campaign may hinge on whether it can get what it wants without touching the treaty.

Callaghan, considered a moderate on the European issue, told the ministers, "The Labour government opposes membership in the Community on the terms that were negotiated at the time of our entry in January 1973... we wish to put these errors right and if we succeed there will then be a firm basis for continuing British membership of a strengthened community."

"But if we fail, we shall submit to the British people the reason why we find the terms unacceptable and consult them on the advisability of negotiating the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Community."

"I stress that I do not hope for a negotiation about withdrawal," Callaghan said. "I would prefer successful renegotiation from which the right terms for continued membership will emerge. To some extent that will depend on us — but it will also depend upon the attitude of the other partners in the negotiations."

The Labour government's approach has alarmed many of the Market members, particularly the West Germans, who fear that a head-on clash at this stage could shatter the Community. Most of the Market members plan to play for time, knowing of the divisions in the British Cabinet over the issue and the likelihood of a national election later this year.

French interest in Eban visit

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT. PARIS. — The French press has shown great interest in the forthcoming visit here of Foreign Minister Abba Eban on May 15 and the scheduled visit to Israel of French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert later this year.

The mass circulation "France Soir" pointed out that "strange as it may seem" no French minister in office has ever visited Israel, either under the Fourth or Fifth Republic. Mr. Jobert's visit will be the first "therefore there is great interest here."

"France Soir" added, "We should note that this exchange of visits comes at a time when relations between the two countries, marked by lively polemics since 1967, have become calmer. French and Israeli leaders avoid any public criticisms of each other, but profound differences do remain."

It concluded, "In general Israeli leaders feel that if France would be prepared not only to start up dialogue between the two countries, but also soften its pro-Arab position then its Middle East role would be strengthened because it could then have an influence with both sides."

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Haiti's first big drug ring broken

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti (UPI). — Government authorities this week questioned a diplomat attached to the Haitian Embassy in Jordan in connection with a drug ring in which 100 local teen-agers were arrested.

The authorities alleged that Joseph Khalil Yunes was the supplier of marijuana and cocaine to the teen-agers. Yunes and the teen-agers were arrested on Thursday. The teen-agers were released in the custody of their parents on Friday. Yunes was first apprehended a week ago when he was caught at Beirut airport with 30 kilos of hashish in his diplomatic bag.

Originally, the Haitian Government denied that Yunes held a diplomatic passport, but later confirmed a report from the Jordanian Government that he was attached to the Haitian Embassy in Amman.

Police said the teen-agers were mostly members of affluent Haitian families, some of whose fathers worked for international agencies and in diplomatic affairs.

The case is the first major incident in Haiti involving drug trafficking.



Racing driver Dave Anderson, 44, of Minneapolis, is seen still strapped in the remains of his rocket-powered car which crashed at a speed of 320 kilometres an hour at Charlotte, North Carolina, on Saturday, killing Anderson and two mechanics. (AP radiophoto)

More student unrest in Addis

ADDIS ABABA. — Students again took to the streets in the Ethiopian capital yesterday following a statement by the Defence Minister that a plot by dissident armed forces personnel last Monday had been foiled.

Riot police dispersed the students with baton charges. They were demonstrating in favour of the air force, the most radical element in the armed services, which has been pressing the newly formed government for land reforms.

About 300 students marched on the offices of Prime Minister Endelkachew Makonnen, shouting slogans for his removal and carrying imitation gallows.

Last Monday, named by Defence Minister Abebe Ayyah as the day when the anti-government plot was foiled, paratroopers surrounded Ethiopia's main air force base at Debre Zeit, about 50 kms. south-east of the capital.

The paratroopers are still strongly in evidence at the base, but they are no longer actually surrounding it. They are mounting heavy guard

on the main gates and two anti-aircraft guns on mobile platforms are deployed in fields near the runways.

Ground and technical staff of the Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority went back to work yesterday, ending their three-week-old strike, after the government set up a board of inquiry to look into their demands for the dismissal of three senior officials.

Airline officials said they expected international traffic with Addis Ababa and the northern city of Asmara to be fully restored by tomorrow.

None of the nine foreign airlines that normally serve Ethiopia has landed a plane in the country since March 11, and the strike has seriously hurt the nation's economy at a time when it can ill afford such losses.

Hundreds of tons of fruit and vegetables are rotting in the northern province of Eritrea, waiting to be airlifted to European markets.

The Eritrean Liberation Front has promised to release five Americans and Canadians, captured when their

helicopter was forced down by bad weather, if Ethiopian authorities guarantee not to retaliate, a U.S. oil company official disclosed yesterday.

Edward Burchall, general manager of the Tenneco Oil Company here, said the guarantee was "the only demand so far." He added Ethiopian authorities were "cooperating fully" to win the release of the men, and "I'm hoping they will be freed by Tuesday."

Burchall said he had spoken with all five captives by radio and they appeared to be "in good spirits." The fact that the only guerrilla demand was no retaliation caused speculation among diplomats in Addis Ababa that the kidnappers belonged to a "low-ranking group with no senior officers and probably out of touch with their headquarters."

The men have been held for a week somewhere in the rugged canyon country of northern Ethiopia, where rebels have been waging a 10-year guerrilla campaign against the federal government.

(Reuters, AP)

Jackson raps companies' 'obscene' oil profits

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Sen. Henry Jackson said yesterday American oil companies will earn "obscene" profits because the Nixon Administration is violating federal law.

The Washington Democrat, member of the interior committee which is beginning final action on a stand-by emergency energy bill, charged the administration is violating the existing petroleum allocation act by refusing to impose controls on "all oil prices as required by law."

As a result, he said, first quarter 1974 oil profits "will rise to obscene levels."

Jackson cited the ability of a foreign subsidiary of a U.S. oil company to tack \$2.4 per barrel onto the price it charges the parent company — thus enabling the parent firm to report a cost increase in crude oil and win government permission for a price hike.

"The major oil companies are

getting away with this practice because this administration is sitting on its hands... (It) ignores the law and invites the companies to impose artificially higher prices on the consumer and pocket fatter profits for themselves."

Jackson said the administration has "resolved all oil price questions against the consumer and in favour of the companies" by permitting international oil firms "the benefit of mind-boggling loopholes, while it focuses price control enforcement efforts on the neighbourhood gas station and the small businessman."

The bill pending before Jackson's committee would forbid major oil companies to claim higher costs for crude oil than actually paid by their foreign subsidiaries. This provision was substituted for restoring previous oil prices that prompted President Richard Nixon to veto earlier energy legislation.

Mariner finds 'Charley' — may be Mercury's moon

PASADENA, California (UPI). — Mariner 10 zoomed through space yesterday hunting for "Charley" — the moon of Mercury whose possible existence has surprised astronomers.

The cameras of the spacecraft, nursing a serious short circuit in its electrical system, swept the area above sun-backed Mercury as it retreated from the planet at 40,000 kph hoping to confirm the existence of the moon.

It would be the 33rd known moon in the solar system.

The possibility of its existence was released on Sunday by Dr. Lyle Broadfoot, of Arizona's Kitt Peak National Observatory, who said Mariner 10's ultraviolet spectrometer had detected "a strong source of radiation, detached from Mercury, in apparent motion relative to the planet."

As the discoverer of a heavenly body, Broadfoot is traditionally entitled to name it. Asked what he would call the moon, Broadfoot replied with a grin: "When I was a boy, I once had a dog named Charley, and I've always wanted to name something after him."

Initial calculations estimated that the spectrometer had registered the presence of a body about 25 kms. wide, circling black, crater-pocked Mercury, closest planet to the sun. There had been no previous indication that Mercury had a moon but the planet is so difficult to study from earth, tucked into the blind glare of the sun and more than 145 million kms. away — that the possibility had not been ruled out.

If "Charley's" existence is confirmed, earth will lose its status as the only planet with one moon. Jupiter has 12 moons, Saturn 10, Uranus five, Mars two, and Neptune two. So far as is known, Venus has no moon, nor has Pluto, though a satellite of Pluto, the outermost planet of the solar system, could be difficult to detect from earth.

FILL. — Britain's family planning clinics yesterday ended their first day of issuing free contraceptives and reported that a threatened rush of customers did not materialize.

Ex-nun jailed for plot to free murderer

LONDON (AP). — A former nun was jailed yesterday for six years for plotting to free Myra Hindley, one of Britain's most notorious murderers, from prison.

Ex-nun Patricia Cairns, 30, had a love affair with Hindley while working as an officer in Holloway women's prison in London, the Old Bailey criminal court was told.

Hindley, 31, who is serving a life sentence for the thrill killings of two children, received a token 12-month sentence for her part in the escape plot. Another prisoner, Maxine Croft, 22, who acted as messenger in the conspiracy, got 18 months. All three women had pleaded guilty.

Prosecutor Brian Leary said Hindley and Cairns met secretly in the prison chapel.

Stars and Stripes in Alexandria

ALEXANDRIA (Reuters). — The U.S. flag was raised here for the first time in more than six years yesterday when the American Consulate in Egypt's second largest city was reopened. At the same time, the Egyptian flag was hoisted over the Egyptian consulate in New York.

Reopening of the two consulates followed the resumption of diplomatic relations between Egypt and the U.S. last February after their rupture during the Six Day War.

French claim U.S. behind move to jettison Concorde

PARIS (AP). — The Gaullist Party newspaper "La Nation" said yesterday that an unnamed super-power — obviously the United States — was behind the move in Britain to abandon the Concorde supersonic jetliner.

The mass-circulation "Parisien Libéré" took a similar line in an editorial saying that dropping Concorde was the idea of people who want France "to remain the satellite of England, which itself is a satellite of international politics over which it has no control and of which it is only an instrument."

"La Nation" said: "When a national undertaking like Concorde is in question, it's no longer important who votes Gaullist and who votes

Ex-aide of Nixon goes on trial

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The first Watergate-related jury trial started off yesterday with the selection of the panel to judge Dwight Chapin, President Nixon's former appointments secretary, indicted on perjury charges.

Chapin, 44, has been charged with four counts of lying to the Watergate grand jury about his knowledge of the activities of self-confessed political saboteur Donald Segretti.

The trial began before U.S. District Court Judge Gerhard Gesell. Segretti was released from prison last week, having served 4½ months of a six-month sentence for pleading guilty to distributing obscene literature during the 1972 Democratic presidential campaign in Florida.

Segretti allegedly was hired by Chapin to wage political dirty tricks on behalf of Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign.

Chapin was indicted after Segretti agreed to help the prosecution in the case, but the judge ruled that the job of the jury was to decide if Chapin was guilty of the "dirty tricks" which Segretti allegedly carried out at the University of Southern California, where he and Chapin were chums.

Building new runway for space shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (UPI). — Construction started yesterday on a five-km. \$38-million runway for the new winged space shuttle which is launched like a rocket and lands like an airplane. The work is to be completed in 28 months.

The space shuttle will take vertically from a modified Apollo launch pad and will carry many satellites and equipment to orbit. It will return to a plane-like landing six kilometers from its takeoff point and will be used over and over again.

Space Agency officials said a new shuttle will open an economical space flight and also the "boom and bust periods" which have plagued the Cape Canaveral area economy since the 1960s.

Yesterday's ground-breaking ceremony marked the start of construction of a 5,000-metre long runway that will be as wide as a football field is long. The concrete landing strip is being carved out of a flat, sandy expanse covered with a thick growth of palm trees and palmetto bushes.

Money for victim to visit Berlin

BONN (AP). — The Berlin Senate has made available DM700,000 to enable ex-Berliners driven out of the city by the Russians to visit Berlin, as in previous years. The Senate says that over the world, particularly in the U.S. and Israel, some 14,000 former Berliners are waiting for an invitation from the Berlin Information Centre to make a week's visit to the city.

Meanwhile, the building in former concentration camp at Fichtenstrasse which the Nazis used as a personal property store is being converted into a museum. It will be 10 times bigger than the present Buchenwald museum.

QUAKE. — An earthquake demolished 90 per cent of the buildings on the island of Sasau, north of Celebes, killing three persons, it was reported in Jakarta yesterday. Izens of people were injured and about 16,000 evacuated when the tremor hit the tiny island last Wednesday.

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Cambodian State Council reinstated

PHNOM PENH (Reuter). — President Lon Nol yesterday reinstated the State Council, a body which had been dissolved last year.

Lon Nol was obliged to set up the council last year in the temporary absence of a Parliament as the result of attracting his non-Communist opponents into a coalition government.

China threat to boycott Asian bank

COMBO (AP). — China said yesterday it would boycott the Asian Development Bank until the Nationalist Chinese Government in Taiwan is banned from membership.

The ultimatum was issued at yesterday's 30th session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) in Bangkok.

Belfast house search after six killed

LONDON (UPI). — British Army troops and police cordoned off a house in Belfast yesterday in a house-by-house search for gunmen and bombs.

The search was part of a series of operations in Belfast following the deaths of six people in a bombing.

U.S. bid to match superior Soviet night-fighting aids

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. military officials say that a study of Soviet equipment captured by the Israelis in the October war shows that the Russians are placing special stress on night fighting.

As a result, the Pentagon is spurring research efforts to improve night vision gear for both ground and air warfare.

Solzhenitsyn's view of Russia's future

ZURICH (AP). — Banished Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn said on Sunday he has no plans at the moment to visit the U.S.

He is concerned that Americans do not understand his vision for Russia's future.

Satellite hot line for U.S. and Russia

WASHINGTON (AP). — A new kind of "hot line" using the most up-to-date techniques of communication by satellites, is being set up to link Washington and Moscow.

The "U.S. News and World Report" said.

'Peking wants US, Soviet at the brink of war'

MOSCOW (AP). — A Soviet publication yesterday charged that the Chinese leadership wants to hasten tension between the Soviet Union and the U.S. to "the brink of war."

The monthly review "International Affairs" said that the Maoists are seeking "to impede in every way the progress of normalization of relations between developed capitalist countries and the Soviet Union."

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The American's friends included a photographer who took some pictures, and this led to the reprimand. But the American, the sources said, retorted that he could invite any guests he wanted into his home.

Apart from ensuring privacy, however, the strong security precautions were apparently made necessary by recent left-wing guerrilla activities in and near Acapulco.

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TORA, ECONOMICS and INFLATION

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ACCEPTING THE IMPORTANCE OF GOLD IS NOT WORSHIPPING THE GOLDEN CALF — JUST THE OPPOSITE. YOU ACCEPT THE REALITY OF THE NEED FOR FAIR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. THE DISREGARDING OF TORAH MITZVAS AND DISCIPLINE, NOT ONLY BY OUR PEOPLE, BUT BY THE WHOLE OF WESTERN SOCIETY, WILL BRING ABOUT THE BREAKDOWN OF WESTERN SOCIETY AS WE KNOW IT, AND SOON; JUST AS IT WAS THE CAUSE OF THE BREAKDOWN OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE WHEN THE ROMANS DEBASED THEIR OWN CURRENCY. IN FACT, UNTIL THEY BEGAN TO MIX OTHER METALS WITH THEIR GOLD AND SILVER FOR COINS, THEREBY DEBASING THEM, THE ROMAN EMPIRE ENJOYED A GREATER PROSPERITY THAN ANY EMPIRE HAS EVER KNOWN, CONSIDERING THE NON-EXISTENCE OF TECHNOLOGY. EVEN GREATER THAN THE CURRENT SUCCESSOR TO THE ROMAN EMPIRE — AMERICA.

THERE HAS BEEN MUCH TALK OF GOLD RECENTLY; IT HAS BEEN CALLED BY A MAJORITY OF THE TOP ECONOMISTS AND FINANCE MINISTERS AND GOVERNMENTS OF WESTERN SOCIETIES A BARBARIC RELIC. KARL MARK SAID THAT IT WOULD BE USED TO DECORATE LAVATORIES; A PHILOSOPHY SHARED BY ADOLPH HITLER. SO MUCH FOR IT BEING A BARBARIC RELIC: THE PRICE HAS CONTINUED TO RISE, IN SPITE OF ALL EFFORTS BY THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS AND GOVERNMENTS OF MAJOR WESTERN POWERS TO DISCREDIT IT AND SUPPLANT IT WITH PAPER PROMISES IN TERMS OF I.M.F., S.D.R.s (PAPER GOLD) AND BY OTHER SCHEMES, SUCH AS CONVERTIBILITY RENEGING BY THE UNITED STATES IN 1971, WHEN THEY CLOSED THE GOLD WINDOWS AT FORT KNOX AND REFUSED TO HONOUR THEIR DOLLAR AND, THEREFORE, THEIR PROMISE TO PAY IN EXCHANGE FOR ONE DOLLAR, 1/35TH OF AN OUNCE OF GOLD. THIS BROKEN PROMISE WAS ANOTHER MILESTONE IN AN ATTEMPT TO SUPPRESS TRUTH AND REALITY, THEREBY BREAKING YET ANOTHER DISCIPLINE CLEARLY WRITTEN INTO TORAH — "FAIR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES." INSTEAD OF ACCEPTING THE FUNDAMENTAL NEED FOR FAIR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, THEY ENDEAVOURED TO PRINT MORE PAPER; IN ESSENCE MORE BROKEN PROMISES, THEREBY SETTING THE SCENE FOR A TOTAL LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN PAPER PROMISES AND PAPER CURRENCY, WHICH HAS PRODUCED SEVERE INFLATION BORDERING ON HYPER-INFLATION (SURELY AROUND THE CORNER) AND IMMINENT DESTRUCTION OF ALL ECONOMIES LINKED TO THIS DISHONEST AND INEQUITABLE PHILOSOPHY OF EITHER INFANTILE, OR WANTONLY DISHONEST POLITICIANS. WHEN ECONOMIES CRASH, THE SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS BECOME SELF-EVIDENT AND CRITICAL. THE CHEATING, LYING AND INJUSTICE AT THE ROOT OF IT INDUCES BITTER RESENTMENT ON THE PART OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LED BY THOSE THEY THOUGHT COULD BE TRUSTED AND SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER. THE PLIGHT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE WESTERN WORLD IS OMINOUSLY AT STAKE, JUST AS IT WAS IN NAZI GERMANY. AS SOLOMON SAID IN KOHELET "THERE IS NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN. THAT WHICH HAS BEEN WILL BE, AND THAT WHICH WILL BE HAS ALREADY BEEN." WHEN (NOT IF) THIS HAPPENS, IN OUR VIEW, WITHIN A PERIOD THAT CAN BE MEASURED IN TERMS OF DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS, NOT YEARS, THE STRIFE WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL NATIONS AND THE WESTERN WORLD GENERALLY WILL BE FAR GREATER THAN ANYTHING YET KNOWN OR SEEN IN RECORDED HISTORY — ALTHOUGH ALL THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN DONE BEFORE, THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN DONE ON SUCH A VAST AND GLOBAL SCALE.

THE MESSAGE TO THE JEWS IS CLEAR; ONCE AGAIN, AS ALWAYS, THEY WILL BE THE INEVITABLE SCAPEGOAT, CAUGHT IN A CROSS-FIRE OF UPHEAVAL, DISARRAY AND CIVIL WARS. NO, WE JEWS ARE NOT BLAMELESS — FAR FROM IT. IF WE TOO HAVE STRAYED FROM OUR LORD'S COMMANDMENTS REGARDING FAIR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND HAVE FOLLOWED THE ECONOMIC POLICIES OF THE GENTILE WORLD, THEN WE TOO WILL SUFFER THE ECONOMIC UPHEAVALS INTRINSICALLY ASSOCIATED WITH FUNDAMENTAL STRAYING FROM THE DISCIPLINE OF G-D'S LAW, REPLACING IT WITH PUNY CONCEPTS OF PUNY, DISHONEST MEN. WERE IT NOT FOR THIS ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE WE HAVE ON THE "ALMIGHTY DOLLAR," WE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD TO PUT OUR TRUST IN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, AND ALL THEY STAND FOR. WE WOULD HAVE BEEN INDEPENDENT AND ABLE TO DEFEND OUR BELOVED PROMISED LAND, UNTRoubLED BY PRESSURES APPLIED BY INTRINSICALLY DISHONEST PEOPLE. (HASN'T WATERGATE ESTABLISHED THIS?) CAN WE REALLY TRUST THEM? LET EVERYONE, PARTICULARLY THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL, SEARCH HIS OWN SOUL. HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I HEARD "WHAT WILL BE IN ISRAEL?" THE ANSWER TO THIS IS "UNTIL WE FOLLOW THE ETERNAL TRUTHS AND DISCIPLINES OF OUR OWN LAWS (TORAH — LAW OF MOSES) AND NOT THE LAWS OF MEN, THERE WILL BE FURTHER UNCERTAINTY, DISSENSION AND DIS-EASE. IT SHOULD BE REALISED THAT JUST AS KING CANUTE COULD NOT TURN THE TIDE BACK, WE CANNOT STOP THE RAINS FALLING FROM THE HEAVENS, NOR SUPPRESS THE ETERNAL TRUTHS OF OUR SACRED LAW. NO, GOLD IS NOT A BARBARIC RELIC — GOLD IS THE FIRST METAL MENTIONED IN THE TORAH. "AND THE GOLD OF THAT LAND WAS GOOD (GENESIS II 11-12)." WHY IS IT GOOD? BECAUSE IT IS TRUTH IN WHICH WAY IS IT TRUTH? BECAUSE IT CANNOT BE CREATED BY MAN AT HIS WHIM AND IS INDESTRUCTIBLE. THE REALLY IMPORTANT COROLLARY TO ALL THIS IS ALIYA.

IN HIS MYSTERIOUS WAY, THE LORD, BY BRINGING ON THE UPHEAVAL AND DESTRUCTION OF WESTERN SOCIETY AS WE KNOW IT, WILL BRING HIS PEOPLE BACK TO THE LAND WHICH HE SWORE TO THEIR FATHERS TO GIVE THEM. AND ALTHOUGH, MANY MAY NOW COME, NOT BECAUSE THEY WANT TO (ISN'T THIS A JEWISH TRAIT?), COME THEY WILL AND IN UNEXPECTEDLY VAST NUMBERS AND, IN OUR VIEW, SOON. MANY WITH LITTLE OR NOTHING IN THE WAY OF MATERIAL POSSESSIONS, MANY WITH SOME FORESIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING, WITH SOMETHING OF THEIR OWN, THEREBY DIMINISHING THE BURDEN ON THE ALREADY OVERBURDENED ISRAELI POPULATION.

WE USED TO SAY HERE IN ISRAEL, AND IT HAS BEEN STATED BY THOSE IN POWER, THAT WE NEED JEWS IN THE DIASPORA, AND WE NEED THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THE DAYS ARE RAPIDLY ARRIVING WHEN, HOWEVER WELL-MEANING AND DESIROUS OF GIVING THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ISRAEL THEY MAY BE, THOSE SAME JEWS WILL BE UNABLE TO HONOUR THEIR PAPER PROMISES. MORE THAN THEIR PAPER, ISRAEL NEEDS THEM, AND ALTHOUGH THE VAST MAJORITY DO NOT SEEM TO REALIZE THIS, THEY NEED ISRAEL DESPERATELY. THERE ARE ONLY TWO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PRESENT SITUATION AND THAT IN GERMANY IN THE 1930s. 1) THE CATASTROPHE IS AT A GLOBAL LEVEL. 2) BARUCH HASHEM, ISRAEL IS HERE TO WELCOME THEM WITH OPEN ARMS TO THEIR HOMELAND, IN WHICH THEY CAN SHARE, NOT ONLY FROM A DISTANCE AND FINANCIALLY, BUT PERSONALLY AND TOTALLY IN THE ULTIMATE UNITY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE WITH ONE G-D, ONE LAW AND ONE HOMELAND.

"And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt bethink thyself among all the nations whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee, 2. and shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and hearken to His voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul; 3. that then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the peoples, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee. 4. If any of thine that are dispersed be in the uttermost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will He fetch thee. 5. And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and He will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. 6. And the Lord thy God will open thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart; and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. 7. And the Lord thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, that persecuteth thee. 8. And thou shalt return and hearken to the voice of the Lord, and do all His commandments which I command thee this day. 9. And the Lord thy God will make thee over-abundant in all the work of thy hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good; for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as He rejoiced over thy fathers; 10. If thy shalt hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep His commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law; if thy turn unto the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul."

(Deut. 30: 1-10)

Surely the Isles shall wait for Me,
And the ships of Tarshish first,
To bring thy sons from far,
Their silver and their gold with them,

For the name of the Lord thy God,
And for the Holy One of Israel,
because He hath glorified thee.

(Isaiah 60: v. 9)

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MAJOR POLICY SPEECH TOMORROW Sadat bid to arrange meet on 'Palestine'

By ANAN SAFADI

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Anwar Sadat has his hands full
with the Egyptian President's
three major aims:

To persuade the Syrians to agree
to a military disengagement
before their delegate confers
with Henry Kissinger next week on
a proposal put forward by
the Dayan;

To bring about a reconciliation
between King Hussein and the
Palestinian leadership; and
Formulating a new and cooler
relationship with the Karamita,
possibly even abrogating the 15-year
treaty of friendship.

Sadat is scheduled to deliver a
major policy statement tomorrow.
He is likely to endorse recent indica-
tions of a steady move towards the
U.S. in particular. In Washington,
he is sending him — a
copy of the Israel proposal, in-
cluding a map, which Dayan gave
Kissinger on Friday, with the
idea of starting negotiations with
the PLO for a mutual pullback of
troops. Sadat's comments on the
proposal will be given to the Sy-
rian through his War Minister,
Abd al-Muhsin Ali, who arrived
in Damascus on Sunday night.
Sadat's main work this week

is, however, more likely to be in
connection with the Jordanian king's
visit to Cairo. He is trying to ar-
range a meeting between Hussein
and ex-Palestinian leaders so that
they can coordinate their positions
on the "Palestine question" at the
Geneva peace talks when they get
round to that issue.

The Cairo press has been saying
that Hussein is to extend recognition
to the terrorist Palestine Liberation
Organization as the "sole and legiti-
mate" representative of the Pales-
tine people in return for the PLO
broadening its representation so as
to include elements other than the
terrorists, and agreeing that this
representation be part of the Jordanian
delegation to Geneva.

The question of Palestinian repre-
sentation may have been given some
urgency by Mr. Dayan's statement
to the UJA in New York that the
year 1974 may see negotiations with
all parties involved in the Middle
East dispute, including the Pales-
tinians.

Mr. Dayan is believed to have
been encouraged by current con-
tacts being maintained by various
moderate Palestinian circles with
the U.S. These circles were report-
edly through his War Minister,
Abd al-Muhsin Ali, who arrived
in Damascus on Sunday night.
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About half a million Israelis
spent their Passover Holiday
and Independence Day in the
forests and groves of Israel last
year. In spite of the situation
today, a great number of visit-
ors will reach the forests this
year too. The Afforestation

Department of the Jewish
National Fund, in its aim to
meet the growing demand for
more recreational forests and
groves, has opened additional
forests to the public in the last
few years. In all, 89 parks and
campgrounds are to be opened
to the public this spring.

CENTENARY OF BIRTH Churchill nostalgia wave sweeps Britain

London (AP). —
A wave of nostalgia for Winston
Churchill is sweeping Britain
nine years after his death. A surge
of events has been arranged to com-
memorate the centenary of Church-
ill's birth this year.

The old warrior and statesman will
live again in ceremonies and exhi-
bitions featuring everything from
cigar butts, prison keys and shaven
heads to medals, paintings and docu-
ments of state.

The centenary falls in a year of
dire economic and social stress for
Britain. Perhaps that is why inter-
est in Churchill is running so high.
His leadership in peace and war is
looked back on by many people as a
time when Britain was altogether
more robust and confident.

Baroness Spencer-Churchill —
Dorothy Clémence — launched the
celebrations yesterday, her 88th
birthday, by opening a campaign
called "A Million Pounds from a Mil-
lion People" to raise money for two
more national memorials to her hus-
band. She was joined in a London
banquet hall by dukes and diplo-
mats, businessmen and actors, La-
bour unionists and leaders of the
main political parties.

Lady Churchill and Prime Minister
Harold Wilson were due to com-
mence the first one-pound notes to the
campaign. It aims to complete an
Archive Centre at Churchill College,
Cambridge, and to extend the work
of the Churchill Memorial Trust,
which grants scholarships for study
overseas.

The centenary celebrations are de-
signed to catch the flavour of a giant
who lived enough lives for a dozen
men... soldier, statesman, historian,
painter, racehorse owner, wit, and
even bric-a-brac.

Later this week, Churchill's daugh-
ter Mary, Lady Soames, will open a
special exhibition in Blenheim Palace
where her father was born 100 years
ago. The Duke of Marlborough, who
lives at Blenheim, says much of the
material is from his private albums
and archives.

London's Somerset House, national
repository of birth, marriage and
death certificates, is staging the
country's grandest show, beginning
next month. The civil servants and
the certificates will make way for
what Somerset House calls "the big-
gest display of Churchilliana ever
assembled."

Queen Elizabeth II is among those
leading "Items not previously pub-
licly exhibited." What they are, no one
knows yet. But the organizers say
there will be historic documents,
books, silver, medals, revolvers and
walking sticks. And, of course, paint-
ings, both of Sir Winston and by him.

Churchill's beloved country-house
at Chartwell, 35 kms from London,
has a permanent exhibition built

around the great man's private life.
The nearby market town of Wester-
ham is staging a special summer
festival to mark the centenary.

A statue of Churchill by Oscar
Nemon dominates Westerham's "vil-
lage green." The massive bronze fig-
ure rests on a slab of marble pre-
sented by President Tito in recogni-
tion of the help Churchill gave Yugo-
slavia during World War II.

Scotland's Pitlochry Festival The-
atre is to stage a play about Sir
Winston and Lady Churchill called
"A Man and his Wife."

In October, the British Post Office
is issuing a set of Churchill cen-
tenary stamps.

Woodford, the Essex district Church-
ill represented in the House of
Commons for 40 years, plans cele-
brations to coincide with his actual
birthday, November 30.

Some intimate reminders of an
almost unbelievable personality can
be found at 18th century Longleat
House, where the Marquis of Bath
is showing relics of an old friend-
ship. Among the relics are stube of
cigars that Churchill had finished
smoking and two of the famous stin-
kets he wore in the Nazi Blitz.

ERNST SIMON AT 75 Influenced generations of Israeli teachers

By ZVI KURZWEIL

PROF. Ernst Simon, who celebrated
his 75th birthday earlier this
month, began his career as a his-
torian, philosopher and educator. Today
he has also become a Jewish scholar
of note, a theologian who, as
visiting preacher, occupies with dis-
tinction the pulpits of many Jewish
communities in Europe and Amer-
ica, and this despite an assimilated
background and the fact that he
probably never saw a Hebrew letter
until he reached adulthood. When
Ben-Gurion decided to consult "the
wise men of Israel" on the vexed
question of "who is a Jew," Simon
was one of those consulted.

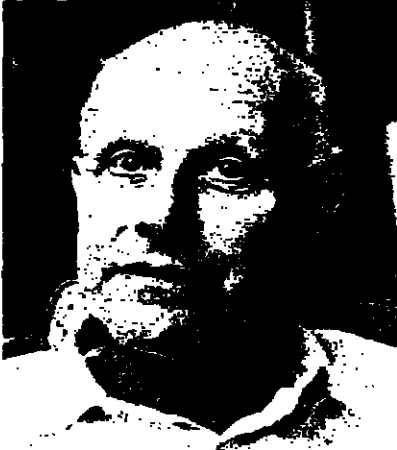
In Israel he is mainly known as
an educational thinker who has in-
fluenced successive generations of
teachers-in-training by the sheer
force of his personality. The pacifist
and religious humanism he has ex-
pounded with admirable consistency
and stubbornness are not teachings
which would ordinarily endear them-
selves to Israeli youth. Hence, the
close links between Simon and many
of his disciples are lasting relation-
ships formed on a personal basis,
rather than as a result of partici-
pation in his literary, educational and
political activities.

Unlike scholars of an Anglo-Jew-
ish background, he does not carry
his scholarship lightly. Simplicity
and lucidity of style have never
been Simon's forte. It is in the na-
ture of this genre of writing that
it cannot come easily. If, in addi-
tion, Simon's meticulous Germanic
thoroughness and precision are
taken into account, one cannot ex-
pect crisp and lucid writing. His
essays are always encumbered by
an enormous mass of scholarship,
even if their subject matter calls for
a lighter approach.

Articles and essays

His many articles and essays have
not yet been collected, though in
German there exists a partial sum-
mary of his work under the title
"Brücken." It is indeed an impres-
sive volume, although it does not
include many of his Hebrew publica-
tions. Of the latter some are still
in demand, in particular his Hebrew
translation of Pestalozzi with its
lengthy introduction. The discerning
educator still refers his students
to Simon's massive study on Educa-
tion published in the Hebrew educa-
tional encyclopaedia and will no
doubt continue to do so for some
time to come. Simon is also un-
doubtedly the best living expert on
Buber.

Simon's character is extremely
complex. He is religiously observant,
though not orthodox in outlook.
Zionist who decided on aliya long



Ernst Simon (Ruhberg)

before the advent of Hitler, he has
been a consistent critic of the Jew-
ish State, particularly on account of
his pro-Arab leanings, which he
shared with Buber, Magnes and
many others who advocated a bi-
national state in Palestine. His con-
sistency in adhering to his ideologi-
cal beliefs has landed him with
strange bedfellows, such as the left-
ist "Moked" group.

Ernst Simon is an eccentric, a
watchdog whose mere existence re-
presents a spiritual force of great
importance to a new country in its
upbuilding. His reputation is re-
markable. There is hardly a senior
appointment in the field of educa-
tion which is made before prior con-
sultation with Simon.

He is now engaged in summing
up his literary life work, undoubt-
edly an important undertaking. It
would be still more important if
Simon were to devote himself to
his own many-faceted experiences
as a Jewish educator. This result
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(Professor Kurzweil is Professor of
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U.S. war vets to press Dr. Kissinger on PoWs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

LE AVIV. — Seven leaders of
American veterans' organizations
last week completed a week-long
visit to Israel to study the
current situation and particularly
effects of the Yom Kippur War.
At a press conference here last
week, Malcolm Taylor, of Nor-
folk, Conn., of the Jewish War Ve-
tans of the U.S., said that the
up had decided that, on their
return home, they will urgently re-
quest President Nixon to instruct
Kissinger to give highest prior-
ity to the exchange of prisoners,
especially the wounded, between Is-
rael and Syria.

Since we are acutely aware of
the fact that we have not yet had
the opportunity of comparing the
situation of the prisoners held by
Israel with that we have just seen
in the prisoner of war

camp in Israel, we will upon our
return home, seek permission
through appropriate diplomatic
channels to visit and talk with the
Israeli PoWs," he said.

The American War Veterans or-
ganizations have long been com-
mitted to strict adherence to the
Geneva Convention and were shock-
ed to learn from Mrs. Meir that the
Syrian Government had allowed
only one Red Cross visit to the
prisoners and that their families
had not been receiving regular
mail. "We are specially amazed
that these restrictions have not been
publicly stressed in the world
press," he said.

A FIELD CINEMA has been
erected at an army base in the
territories with the help of the
Holon Municipality, which presented
350 used cinema seats.

Shifts in Western voting Democracies face crises all over

By GUNNAR J. BORREVIK

RE parliamentary democracies,
particularly those of Western Eu-
rope, are facing an approaching crisis.
Norway's Prime Minister, Mr.
Olaf Norheim, thinks so. In a
moment to press and radio on the
10th of the British elections, he
stated out the similarity of what
opened in the United Kingdom,
experiences in general elections
all the three Scandinavian coun-
tries during the autumn of last
year. Then a proliferation of small
parties and an unusually extensive
"in the voter's allegiance de-
clined the traditional large parties
(created highly unstable govern-
ments.

The veering of the electorate was
at pronounced in Denmark and
Norway, the result most peculiar
Sweden, where the life of the
government today depends upon the
wing of lots in any real set-to
with the Opposition.

In Norway, Mr. Bratteli's own
bour Party suffered a loss of 11
percent of its popular support, and
basically all hopes of getting back
into the foreseeable future to the
ninant overall majority position
had enjoyed in the Storting dur-
ing most of the post-war years. The
son: a low turn-out at the polls,
the emergence of a strong
supping on the left of the Labour
party and of a new party at the
end of the political scale.
h protest against public expendi-
ture and taxation as its only reason
for.

In Sweden, Social Democrat Olof
 Palme suffered a similar, if some-
what smaller, defeat — losing
eight seats in the Riksdag to
non-socialist and non-socialist parties
create the rather difficult parli-
mentary situation where the Gov-
ernment can count on the support
of 175 Social Democrats and Com-
munists in any clash with the 175
socialists in the House. Mr.
Palme so far has managed to steer
ar of any such confrontation —
usually at the expense of carrying
any of the more controversial
his party's promises to the elec-
torate. If, or when, he wants to
this to the test, the outcome
and the life or death of his
government — will be decided by
drawing of lots.

The real upset in traditional par-
liamentary democracies came, however,
in Norway's general elections last
year. All the five parties in
outgoing Folketing suffered
shaking defeats, losing seats to
smaller parties, three of them
represented in the House be-
fore. Here a sister party of the
rwegian protest groupings on the
scene right emerged in the Folketing,
the largest party in the Folketing,
in the confused conglomerate of
parties in the new House a solu-
tion to the complicated government
situation was finally found in the
midation of a minority govern-
ment with the smallest firm basis
in Danish parliamentary his-
tory: the 22 members of Venstre
("left" agrarians) depending on the
support from case to case of the
social Democrats and whatever
other parties may want to join in
House of 175 representatives.
It was the Danish election re-
sults which brought the first state-
ment about a crisis for the parli-
mentary democracy from Mr. Brat-
teli. He saw the decimation of the
additional centres of power and
the mushrooming of new parties as
dangerous development, under-
mining the efficiency and thus the
putation of the entire system.

He did not specifically mention it,
but the ghost of the Weimar Re-
public hovered in the background.
He saw the same signs in the
British election results — the abili-
ty of the traditional sources of
stable government throughout the
last 50 years being sapped by the
re-emergence of the Liberals and
the breakthrough of regional na-
tionalist groupings.

In post-war Europe one has be-
come used to the confusion of It-
alian, pre-de Gaulle French and Fin-
nish politics, and the never-ending
difficulties of finding foundations for
governments in Belgium and the
Netherlands. On the surface, there-
fore, there could be every reason
to draw the same conclusion as Mr.
Bratteli when one sees the pro-
verbially stable societies of Scan-
dinavia and the United Kingdom
join the club.

But only on the surface. Mr.
Bratteli's critics in Norway point
out that if there is a crisis it is
one of disillusionment among the
electorate, not with the system, but
with the failure of the traditional
parties and politicians to follow the
basic rules of the system: to put
into effect the policies chosen by a
majority of voters — usually on
the basis of promises made by the
politicians themselves in election
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Discount Investment's optimism on future profits is justified

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

The 25 per cent share bonus declared by Discount Bank Investment Corporation is clear evidence of the optimistic view held by its management on future profits, a view confirmed by DEIC's balance sheet figures.

The company's net current profit increased 45 per cent in 1973, after a 25 per cent rise in 1972. But its consolidated profits advanced even more, close to 60 per cent of DEIC's consolidated net profit last year consisted of its share in the "net earnings of related companies," reflecting their growth. The company's 10 per cent cash dividend accounted for just over one-half of its current profit last year, as compared to three-quarters in 1972.

DEIC's far-looking policy of ploughing back profits, and financing the expansion of its affiliates, has resulted in a one-third growth of its consolidated investment portfolio — from IL86m. to IL188m. — between 1970 and 1973.

This growth is brought into prominence by DEIC's new "equity base" accounting method, which includes in the consolidated figures the results of operations of most affiliates, and not only of outright subsidiaries. However, even this presentation does not fully reflect the business results under the current inflationary conditions, because most of the financial statements included in DEIC's balance sheet date from the first quarter of the past year.

Full figures published for the first time on profits and equity of the group's companies show that they earned — after tax — between 10 and 20 per cent of their paid up capital and accumulated reserves in the 1972 or 1973 business year, while several of them achieved higher profit ratios, such as Albar and KCH (both 22 per cent), Iscar (28 per cent), Phoenix Assurance (34 per cent) and Pilot Radio (45 per cent).

The ratio of net profit to the companies' share capital was in most cases — except for enterprises still in development stage — considerably higher, ranging between 15 and 30 per cent. A number of companies earned much more, such as Phoenix (77 per cent), Etron (80 per cent), Elscint (120 per cent) and Pilot Radio (over 190 per cent). Profits earned in 1973 were in most cases at least equal to those of the preceding year.

The ratio of the group's net current profit to the investment portfolio's balance sheet value increased steadily over the above period, from 10 per cent in 1970 to over 15 in 1973. Over one-half of the portfolio's companies are now industrial companies, another quarter are banking and finance firms. These two sectors accounted for over 80 per cent of the income derived by DEIC from investments last year.

Dividends received by DEIC amounted to IL5.7m., as compared to over IL5m. (net) which it earned from financial assets, namely long-term loans (mainly to local authorities) and deposits with the Treasury. Between them, these two items amounted to IL7.64m. at the end of 1973. DEIC's loans to industrial companies — mainly affiliates — amounted to IL59m.

SOVIET SATELLITES HURT BY ARAB OIL PRICE RISE

WASHINGTON (UPI). — American officials believe the uneasy Middle East truce will mean a reduction in the amount of Arab oil flowing to the Soviet Union, with the East European satellites bearing the brunt of the cutbacks.

Reports reaching Washington indicate that Moscow already is neither as willing nor able as in the past to supply its allies. As a result, Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland recently made substantial purchases of Libyan petroleum at skyrocketing auction prices.

Radio Budapest broadcasts monitored here said Poland bought one million metric tons of Libyan crude oil at from 16 to 20 dollars a barrel — nearly triple the already inflated "posted price" demanded by the Arab states.

Hungary and Bulgaria were said to have purchased 500 thousand metric tons each from Tripoli at equally high prices.

Even those East European nations not buying Libyan oil are being hit by recent sharp increases in posted prices because their purchase agreements call for payment in goods. This means the East Europeans are getting less for their exchange.

U.S. officials estimate that Russia will increase oil production from 430 million metric tons last year to about 470 million tons in 1975, with about 135m. tons being earmarked for export. Of this, about 50m. tons would go to its East European allies.

These officials are convinced this can only complicate the existing energy problems of the satellites. Despite Soviet denials, U.S. officials believe Moscow is and will continue to direct more of its oil to Western nations for the hard currency needed so badly by the Kremlin.

The Soviet Trade Ministry has already said it will charge more for oil sold to the West, leaving officials here to conclude that Russia will limit oil shipments to its satellites to what already is called for under existing formal agreements.

The officials predicting a cutback in the flow of oil to Russia noted that in the past the Kremlin has provided arms to the Arab countries in return for oil. With the battlefronts now relatively quiet, they said, these arms shipments can be expected to decline, meaning Moscow will get less oil.

Since much of that oil would, normally have been exported to the West — and since the Soviet Union can't step up its own output enough to fill the gap — shipments to the East Europeans are expected to be curtailed.

The nations are already feeling the pinch and many have imposed fuel and power conservation measures to stretch out available oil supplies and increase production.

U.S. sits on world's biggest stock of gold

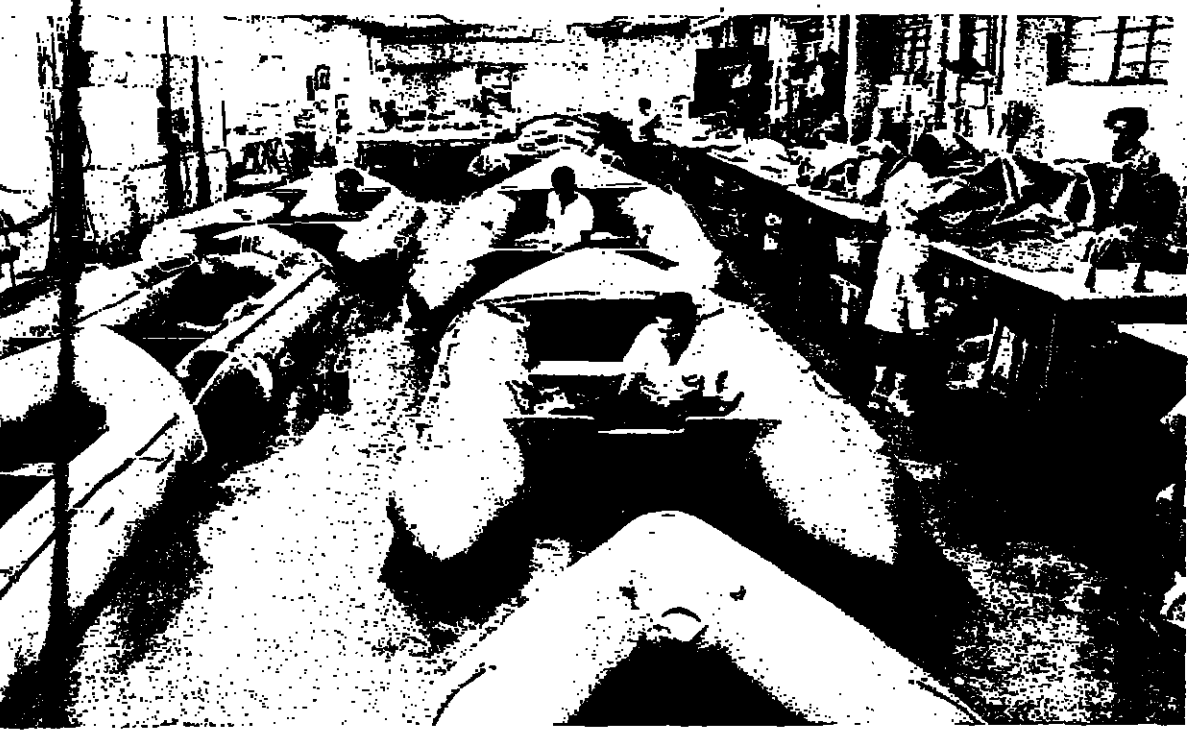
By R. GREGORY NOKES
WASHINGTON (AP) — While demand for gold sends prices up, the United States continues to sit on the world's largest stock of the metal, selling neither to its citizens nor to its friends.

Its own account, the gold is useless to the U.S. Govt. At American insistence, it is gradually phased out of the world monetary system as the for settling international debts and as dentists say they are allowed to buy and spend in gold on equal terms with those of other nations. Americans not now legally own gold that they are industrial users or collectors.

But since the government stopped paying its foreign debts with gold in August of 1971, the official gold stock — all 278,954,692 ounces of it — has gathered dust in government vaults.

U.S. Treasury officials say the Government probably will eventually sell gold, but that the main consideration is when and how. "We are playing with dynamite when we are playing around with millions of ounces of gold," says Thomas R. White, Director of the department's Office of Domestic Gold and Silver. "It's worth a lot of money and would have a lot of impact."

White said in an interview that if Americans spend their dollars on gold, they will be buying less of something else, such as houses, or automobiles — and that could hurt the economy.



Workers at the Franz Levi plant in Haifa Bay are shown at work in one of the company's new assembly halls — part of the 40-year-old firm's expansion programme. Levi, which specializes in air-filled rubber and textile craft, is one of the suppliers of high-speed aircraft for IDF. Other products, besides inflatable civilian sport boats, are various types of rescue equipment, fire hoses, parachutes and high-tensile nylon nets used in controlling aircraft landing procedures.

Copper: Chile's ray of hope

By LUIS MARTINEZ
SANTIAGO, Chile (AP). — Copper, like gold and oil, is setting new records on the international market and offers Chile's troubled economy a ray of hope.

Soaring prices for the red metal have led to reports that the major exporters may follow the lead of Arab oil nations and agree jointly to boost levels even more. Any such action would quickly kick the world-wide inflation rate a few steps higher, but Chilean authorities have denied that this type of price-pegging is planned.

The United States is a substantial copper producer but still must import to meet demand, and it is among the industrial nations most affected by the price surge.

Chile, Peru, Zaire and Zambia provide 70 per cent of the world's copper exports. In 1967 they joined forces and established the International Committee of Copper Exporters (CIPEC) to obtain better prices and open new markets.

Now the heavy demand has sent the price far above their most optimistic goals of seven years ago.

During the first week of March the copper price on the London market was 1.19 dollars per pound and last week it went up to 1.32 dollars. In comparison, the average for 1973 was 80.8 cents and in the 1960s it was 62.2 cents.

Mining experts attribute the increases to higher production costs, devaluations of the U.S. dollar and the British pound, and ever-increasing demand.

The result is a flow of foreign exchange for Chile, which gains 80 per cent of its export earnings from copper.

Stock slide halted

YORK (AP). — The stock market halted its recent slide during the session yesterday but slipped slightly towards the close.

Dow Jones average of 30 stocks was down one point half before the final bell, and the market's rebounded, ending with a gain of four points over the New York Stock Exchange.

Analysts said some bargain prices were to be expected after the losses recorded by many stocks over the past three trading days, while high interest rates chilled any chances for a technical rally.

Transportation issues were steady and utilities lower. Golds were mixed to lower. Most other metals issues showed gains.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial shares closed 3.20 lower at 848.48, its lowest close since February 20.

Declines outpaced advances 896 to 483 among the 1,775 issues traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

Strawberries take to the sea

By YEITZAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Even vegetables are feeling the pinch of the energy crisis. Because of the rising costs of export shipments, Agrexco, Israel's Agricultural Export Company, is experimenting with sending strawberries by ship to Europe. Up to now these delicate and sensitive berries (or vegetables by government classification) were shipped by air to Europe.

The strawberries receive special treatment before, and during their sea voyage. After a "quiet cooling" treatment, they are fed an air diet rich in carbon dioxide. This makes them "breathe less."

Agrexco reports that all shipments up to now have been successful. By the middle of March, Agrexco had exported the same amount of strawberries it had a year ago, 1,300 tons.

200 scientists strike over work clothes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Some 200 employees of the Israel Mining Industries — mostly scientists, technologists and technicians — held a one-day warning strike here Sunday.

They were protesting against what they regard as the management's failure to abide by labour agreements regarding work clothes, working hours and a fund for further study. The management has rejected a Labour Council proposal for arbitration.

The staff had agreed to mediation by the Government Labour Relations Officer, but struck to press their case, over the objections of the Labour Council.

TA TRADE GROUP TO VISIT SWEDEN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Tel Aviv-Jaffa Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a trade delegation to Sweden towards the end of the present year, Avner Ben-Yakar, president of the Chamber, stated, at a meeting on Sunday with the Swedish Ambassador, Sten A. Sundfeldt, and with Sven C. Linder, First Secretary in the Embassy. The delegation will concentrate on metals, electricity and electronics, with a view to promoting exports.

Mr. Sundfeldt pointed out that Israel is known in Sweden for its agricultural products and fashion goods. It should also make known its successful entry into sophisticated science-based industries, he said.

JUDEA AND SAMARIA AREA COMMAND MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS NEW TELEPHONE TARIFF IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA

- A new telephone tariff for Judea and Samaria came into force on Monday, April 1, 1974:
1. Installation of telephone, direct exchange line — IL600 (previously IL650).
 2. Local call — 30 agorot (previously 25 agorot).
 3. Direct dialling. Day rate — 7 a.m.—7 p.m. Night rate — 7 p.m.—7 a.m. (Previously 7 a.m.—4 p.m., and 4 p.m.—7 a.m.).
 4. Unlimited number of calls between village subscribers connected to the same urban exchange, or between a village subscriber and a subscriber connected to the same urban exchange:
 - a. Private subscriber — IL9.60 per month (previously IL8).
 - b. Business house — IL21.60 per month (previously IL18).
- Additional details available from offices of the Military Government, and from all post offices in the area.

Price controls extended till '75

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The legal basis of price controls has been extended for another nine months till December 31 this year. The Cabinet decided at its weekly meeting Sunday to extend the Control of Goods and Services Order, 1973, which was due to expire April 15, till the end of 1974. The order, which prohibits increase in prices of goods and services without permission from a special board, and makes publication of any approved increases mandatory, was first gazetted last summer.

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is hereby given that the Fifteenth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, 16 Simtat Beit Hasho'eva, Tel Aviv, on Tuesday, April 16, 1974 at 12 noon.

AGENDA:

1. To receive and consider the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account and Directors' Report for the year ended December 31, 1973.
2. To declare the 18% interim cash dividend, which has already been paid, to be the final dividend for the financial year ended December 31, 1973.
3. Appointment of auditors and fixing their remuneration.
4. Consideration of any other business which may be dealt with at such meeting.

By Order of the Board:
S. A. TOAFF
Secretary

NOTE:

According to Article 6b(1) of the Articles of Association, a separate General Meeting of the holders of Ordinary Shares will take place immediately after the Ordinary General Meeting aforesaid, at which separate meeting those directors are to be elected whom the holders of Ordinary Shares are entitled to replace.

Holders of Ordinary Shares to Bearer who are interested to attend the above-mentioned meetings have to deposit at the Office of the Company at least 48 hours before the above-mentioned date, the share certificates entitling them to attend the meetings or a certificate from a bank in Israel confirming that Ordinary Shares to Bearer are deposited in their name with the bank, and stating the amount and the number of the share certificates so deposited.

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NORTHERN THREAT

THE cabinet spent most of its session yesterday discussing the situation on the Syrian front, which is not encouraging. The Syrian Defence Minister declared yesterday that Syria had signed a cease-fire with Israel in the belief that this committed Israel to withdrawal from all occupied areas and "the restoration of the rights of the Palestinians"—the code word for the abolition of Israel's sovereignty. If this was not in fact agreed, Syria was prepared to resume fighting.

This is not true, of course. Syria accepted the cease-fire because its military position was unfavourable and Israel troops not very far from Damascus and its military partner, Egypt, in even more urgent need to see the Israel forces stopped by some outside body. But this is nearly six months ago, and since then the Syrian forces have been provided with a brand-new fleet of tanks and planes, and the stacks of missiles built up again.

Syria has one permanent advantage over us that we must regret but cannot envy: that it is far less, if at all, reluctant to see death and destruction unleashed once again.

Egypt has, at the same time, been trying to push the disengagement plan in Damascus in the hope of furthering progress

with its own plans whatever these may be. That they are based on an understanding with the U.S. than with the Kremlin is almost the only certain fact about them. The immediate result has been that Russia has transferred its main interest from Egypt to Syria, giving political advice as well as supplying arms and troop reinforcements from Cuba and North Korea; the advice may well by now be taking the form of orders.

Any uncertainty concerning the reason for Syria's growing aggressiveness was explained in yesterday's "Israelia." This paper ridiculed Dr. Kissinger's attempts to obtain a settlement by agreement in the Middle East, declaring that a settlement could only be achieved in Geneva, where Soviet Russia could play a full part.

It is probably too much to hope that Syria will wake up to the fact that Soviet sponsorship is liable to lead to takeovers by Soviet-selected politicians, as Egypt appears to have done. The presence of Libyan emissaries in Damascus as well as Egyptians bodes nothing good for us, but may mean that Colonel Gaddafi has also been alarmed at the increasing influence of the Russians in Syria.

Dry Bones



POSTSCRIPTS

THE General Secretary of the British Labour Party, Ron Hayward, is still wearing Moshe Dayan's trousers, London's "Sunday Express" reported.

When Hayward visited Israel recently, Dayan gave a party in his honour. A photographer upset a law-sprinkler in Dayan's garden, which soaked Hayward, who was due to leave for the airport and had his bags already packed. Dayan's wife, Rachel, fitted Hayward out with a pair of Moshe's trousers.

The British Labour leader had intended to send them back but has now changed his mind. On the plane trip back, a box of matches exploded in the hip pocket, and Dayan's trousers have burns in three places.

Hayward now wears them when moving his lawn.

TYPOS, as printers' errors are called in the trade, are curious things. Sometimes even the most careful proof-reader will miss a mistake because he sees the word he thinks he ought to see in the context of a sentence, instead of what is actually printed.

Which probably accounts for a slip that went unnoticed in a recent issue of The Jerusalem Post. The news item reported the forthcoming marriage of David de Rothschild, son of Baron Guy de Rothschild, and went on to state that the bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Countess Volpi — except that the word "fiancee" was printed as "fiancee." Freudism or coincidence?

AS our readers now know, "Dry Bones" is back from his mission to the United States. He will have his work cut out going through the appeals for his "Schuldig Protokoll Card" which accumulated during his absence.

The Bureau Chief of CBS News asked for 10 cards to enable him and his staff to visit the Golan Heights like any tourist, or call at an army base, like members of UJA missions. He needs protokoll cards, he writes, to supplement his press card.

A member of the founding group of new Moshav Gezer wants 88 protokoll cards for himself and fellow settlers and asks "Dry Bones" to "continue to watch over the Government, the Jewish Agency (in all its various subdivisions), our training farm and bureaucrats without number."

Holder of Protokoll Card No.0017 suggests that "Dry Bones" cartoons be published in book form, while another fan sent in the heart-felt cry: "Dry Bones! Where are you? The nation needs you!"

ABOUT 20 years ago Ray Bradbury wrote his social-science-fiction thriller, "Fahrenheit 451," about

a world in which society was consigning its books to flames of that temperature. In that Bradbury world it was a crime not only to read, but also to write. In Israel we are not yet melting down books, but a certain anti-pedestrian trend has manifested itself.

One Shabbat morning I was walking home from synagogue through a little park. As I was about to cross a wide gravel path near the edge of the park, a car swung up onto the pavement and drove right past me up the path and parked. I called to the driver: "This is for pedestrians. You have plenty of parking space in the road." The driver, a thirtyish sabra type, and his family got casually out of the car, he planted himself haughtily beside his door, eyed me, and said: "What's the matter? Today's Shabbat, and it's allowed!"

A few days later, I was turning the corner at the top of Ben-Yehuda Street in Jerusalem when a car swung up onto the pavement right beside me and parked. The driver, a sixtyish Central European type, got out, and I said a few pedestrian words to him. He said to me: "Let me ask you something, adam: you don't look so fat that you can't manage to get past the car."

WHEATHER their campaign is successful or not, the whole conservationists can congratulate themselves on their choice of a name. Project Jonah is just right, while obviously Moby Dick would have been quite wrong.

Japan and Russia are the two main culprits in the commercial slaughter of whales which accounts for over 80 per cent of the beasts killed every year. An emissary of Prophet Jonah is now visiting Japan to try and persuade the Japanese to cut down on their consumption of whale meat.

What looks like fuzzy vanilla ice cream is made from part of the whale's tail. But, according to an "Observer Foreign News Service" report, he is not going to find his job easy. The Japanese are not likely to be moved by high-minded Western idealism about the wrongness of whaling. The influence of Buddhism makes it unnecessary for them to look to the West for moral counsel about killing animals.

Israelis can afford to be objective, since whales are rarely found in our waters. In any case, they are hardly leasher (if regarded as fish, they have no scales and if as mammals, they don't have cloven hooves, even if they were to chew the cud). But perhaps some learned person would let us know whether the whale is the great fish known as Leviathan, which according to popular Jewish tradition is one of the delicacies to be served at post-messianic banquets.

Nixon will probably be impeached, Senate trial expected this summer

By Anthony Sampson

WASHINGTON (Otns).

WHAT was it like, to be in Washington through its greatest political crisis of the century? It is a question that journalists here can imagine their grandchildren asking in 40 years' time; but it may not be easy to give the dramatic answer that they will hope for.

In its significance, the present situation is truly historic. President Nixon's popularity is now at its lowest ebb—25 per cent, according to Gallup—and most members of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives now expect they will find a majority in favour of impeaching the President, probably by the end of May, followed by a majority vote in the House itself.

The President is quite likely, therefore, to be tried by the Senate, perhaps as early as August, with the Chief Justice presiding over the first such proceeding for a century. Even if the Senators do not vote the necessary two-thirds majority to get rid of their President, the repercussions of such an ordeal, commencing just before the mid-term elec-

tions, are likely to change the balance of American politics for a generation.

The word impeachment, which only four months ago was uttered in dread, as if it were a kind of modern version of political small-talk, it is true that, according to the polls, the American public are still more reluctant to see the President impeached than to see him tried (a curious reluctance, since the trial is the climax to the impeachment). But even so, a recent "Newsweek" poll showed 47 per cent in favour of impeachment, and 43 per cent against. Even the President, when asked at each Press conference about his attitudes to providing evidence for the impeachment committee, replies in a matter-of-fact way, as if it were just another Congress Committee; for he knows that if he appears to be antagonising and provoking the committee, his prospects in the vote are the dimmer.

In the meantime the evidence on which the President might be impeached seems to be mounting all round him, with more tape-recordings being demanded or subpoenaed, more indictments and trials of his former aides, more allegations of

tax evasion and misrepresentation.

But this process is not an overtly spectacular one, and it is not accompanied by a great clamour of speeches and tirades.

In fact, the more serious the possibility of impeachment becomes, the less noise seems to be made about it; and there is a strong logic to this. Many Republicans, who privately want to get rid of the President as soon as possible, publicly take the position that the impeachment process is the best way to vindicate the President. The Democrats, too, are trying to play down their partisan interest, and to adopt an attitude of judicial calm. Both sides, by making impeachment sound ordinary, and even dull, are increasing the chances of achieving it.

Effective trap

The President, in fact, seems to be slowly descending into a trap of his own making; by consistently maintaining that, when all the facts are disclosed, his innocence will be proclaimed, he has enabled Republicans both to maintain their posture of loyalty, and to prepare the gruesome machinery for a trial. It is an effective trap, but a quiet one,

and the President's enemies are not shouting about it. When a Senator like James Buckley of New York announced that the President should resign, even some of the President's bitterest private critics professed to be shocked by it.

The road to impeachment is thus prosaic and pedestrian, and it is made more so by the presence on both sides of cohorts of lawyers. The attorneys have now largely taken over, and the exchanges between the White House team, the House impeachment team, and the President's team have taken on the appearance of a lawyers' quarrel, with each side taking turns to advance and retreat. The whole procedure has become remarkably repetitive: the prosecutor asks for more documents; the White House is conciliatory, but does not give way; a Congressman warns of coming disclosures; the White House angrily rebuffs him. The lawyers are everywhere and the whole United States seems to have been turned into a courtroom.

And as the original Watergate burglary retreats into history—in finding nearly two years ago, in June 1972—so the arguments about what the President did or did

not say about it become increasingly complex to follow; and each version by the President himself subtly at variance with the previous version, increases the confusion of the ordinary observer.

What has happened here in past weeks has not been a great emotional swing of opinion by the public and the politicians; that has opened five months ago, when the President sacked the special prosecutor, Professor Cox, an event which has been quietly reverberating since. It has taken a long time, then, for that swing to register in Congress in terms of votes for impeachment. It has become part of the technique of impeachment that it should be advocated in a low key and reluctant style, as if the Congressmen were walking backwards towards it, still lusting for the White House as though it were still theirs.

It is a slow and profound change for all things that future historians will regard as the most important of Washington, when Congress swung towards impeachment, was the contemporary signs of the time in high excitement, as one of the server of Congress remarked: "The were bored into it."

French presidential election expected in June

'POMPIDOU IS DYING': Succession fight begins

By Jack Maurice

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS.—There is a growing belief amongst the general public here that there will be a presidential general election next June, as President Georges Pompidou will be forced to resign through ill health.

The right-wing weekly magazine "Minute," one of the first to report Pompidou's critical health months ago, reported last week that the "Socialist opposition party's secret service" has obtained a copy of the medical check-up that Pompidou underwent days before he went to see Leonid Brezhnev in the U.S.S.R. recently.

It is significant that the check-up took place at the Cochin Hospital, which specialises in cancer cases. The magazine said the report was given immediately to Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand, who will be the leftist presidential candidate. The report, although not pub-

lished, said Pompidou suffered from Kohler's Disease, which is cancer of the bone marrow. It is usually fatal within two years of diagnosis. Pompidou was discovered to have it just over one year ago.

There is no doubt that the favourite to succeed Pompidou, former Premier Jacques Chaban-Delmas, also has a copy of the medical report.

Handsome Chaban-Delmas, whom De Gaulle made a general at thirty, is reportedly spending IL60,000 monthly to maintain presidential election offices in Paris and offices in Bordeaux, where he is Mayor and Deputy.

He has been at loggerheads with Pompidou ever since he was dismissed abruptly from the premier's post three years ago, only six weeks after the National Assembly gave him a resounding vote of confidence. Using the most faithful of the Gaullists, the weekly news magazine "Express," owned by mul-

like being tackled low when one no longer has the ball.

His comment about the third Messmer cabinet of sixteen ministers formed only a few weeks ago was also in rugby terms. "They have chosen a team not meant to lose, when they should have picked men to win."

Two weeks ago, to everybody's surprise including his own, he was invited to see Pompidou at the Elysee Palace. During the two-hour conversation, the President reportedly said "I will not support my Finance Minister, Valery Giscard d'Estaing, against you in the presidential election in 1976."

The significance of this remark lies in the fact that Giscard d'Estaing is also a favourite presidential candidate. But he is leader of his own powerful Independent Republican Party and is not strictly a Gaullist like Chaban-Delmas, who is counted among the most faithful of the Gaullists. The weekly news magazine "Express," owned by mul-

ti-millionaire publisher and politician Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, reported last month that Giscard d'Estaing had Pompidou's complete confidence and would replace Pierre Messmer as Premier.

Pompidou has done a great deal to discount this report, and has been forced to show his support for Chaban-Delmas.

It is thought that Pompidou would prefer either Premier Pierre Messmer or Foreign Minister Michel Jobert to succeed him. Jobert's recent attacks on the U.S. have made him a favourite of many French nationalists, but he has the disadvantage of never having held an elected position—he has never been a National Assembly Deputy.

But there is a joker in the pack—the second man in the state, Senate President Alain Poher. Pompidou detests Poher, who became interim president when De Gaulle resigned overnight, after being defeated in referendum. The coldness between the number

one and number two leaders in the state was emphasized last Thursday when Pompidou was unable to attend the state banquet for six ambassadors. According to protocol, he should have been replaced by Poher, but the Senate President refused to attend. He did so because Pompidou had openly insulted him.

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READERS' LETTERS

Habayta based on false premises

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir,—The full-page advertisement of Habayta is both a challenge and a question mark. The message of ingathering of the exiles surely needs our attention and support. Nevertheless, its appeal is one-sided, narrow, blind to any humanistic trend which should be tapped if the ideals of Zionism will turn on something more constructive than the factors of mass fear and terror. By implying that the tensions which have resulted from the Yom Kippur War are going to result in a "tidal wave of anti-Semitism," which in its scope and magnitude has not yet been witnessed in the history of mankind, they make a norm out of their own psychology. What Habayta does is to equate, as helplessly, the American experience with that of Russia, Libya, Syria or

holocaust Nazi Germany. It is sickening, actually, because it distorts the basic resilience and health of American democracy. Further, by basing their appeal on a false prophecy, namely, a world economic depression, they seem to be dowsing in the stagnant wells of Marxism, according to which the western economic capitalist system is doomed to failure and ruin.

If Habayta would aid us, it ought first to disengage its mind from the dire predictions of a second holocaust and world economic depression. Their disbelief in the flexibility of American democracy bodes ill for the quality of living democracy which they will be able to underwrite in Israel.

Jerusalem, March 21. JOEL ORENT

Jewish studies

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir,—The basic questions which have been raised in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War as to the future of the Jewish people and of Israel and the identity of the Jew have highlighted the need to bring an understanding of Judaism to young Jews all over the world.

We should therefore like to bring to the attention of volunteers, students, immigrants and tourists the possibility of their participation in a course of Jewish study, full time or part time, which is geared specifically to those who have little or no Jewish background.

The courses at the Jerusalem Academy of Jewish Studies, Sanhedria, Jerusalem (Tel. 384748), include Bible, Prophets, Prayer, Mishna, Talmud, Ethics and Philosophy, Hassidut, and Judaism's approach to modern problems. Scholarships and other forms of help are provided in order to enable young people to become acquainted with basic Judaism.

RABBI E. HOROVITZ
Principal, The Jerusalem Academy of Jewish Studies
Jerusalem, March 19.

Help build a better future

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir,—With reference to Mr. Mayerhoff's letter (March 26) that Habayta was formed too early, he may on the same basis claim that the Jewish Agency, the Absorption Ministry, the diverse immigrant federations, and possibly the whole Zionist movement were formed too early.

What a tragic misreading of Jewish aspirations throughout the generations! And what little faith in our people's ability to wrestle with difficulties!

Mr. Mayerhoff's son may not make ends meet on his salary (few do) but at least he should be alive, and happy to belong to this wonderful club of Israelis WHO IN OUR DAYS ARE LIVING THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR LONG DISPERSED AND PERSECUTED PEOPLE TO RETURN TO NORMALCY]

Granted it takes stamina and sacrifices—but the future of the Jewish People and Nation is at stake, and those who close their eyes to this will always have something to grumble about, including the discouragement of others.

It is also wrong to look to an already much overburdened Government to take care of all facets connected with immigration and absorption. Western Jews are much better equipped than any other segment of our people ever to arrive here to take matters into their own hands. Study the needs of Israel! They are security, immigration, population dispersal, land settlement and economic independence. Then find out

how you can fit in and help in building a better future for our people. Let that become the main conversation theme and not, as you have it, the monthly salary.

URI GILAD
Tel Aviv, March 26.

Sabbath Grace

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir,—Members of the NRP are quoted in your article, "Radio gets good marks," (March 26) as saying that the children of observant families "have to feel aggrieved" at not being able to watch TV on Sabbath. Anyone who really thinks this has never experienced true Sabbath grace.

PENINA BARKAI
Tel Aviv, March 26.

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Saturday morning TV for children

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir,—After receiving many favourable comments of parents about Saturday morning TV broadcasts for children and after reading in the daily press about proposals for their discontinuance, I decided to see this TV programme on March 18 and was very much impressed by the high standard of the film shown in which Jaeha Heifetz participated.

The broadcast was valuable not only from the musical, but also from the general educational point of view, and was interesting for both children and

adults. There are certainly many other valuable programmes and films suitable for such broadcasts. In view of the recent statements by the Minister of Information about the importance of TV for the general education of the population, the discontinuance of such an important programme would be deplorable, particularly since Saturday morning broadcasts provide many families with a unique opportunity for housework and children to enjoy them together.

Dr. ERNA MAY
Haifa, March 18.

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